China to Use **Eugenics to** Screen Out Birth Defects

New Law Would Order Abortions, Sterilization And Marriage Control

By Steven Mufson

BELIING — China will use abortions, sterilization and marriage bans to "avoid new birth-of inferior quality and heighten the standards of the whole population," the official Xinhua press agency said Monday.

The measures will take aim at people likely to pass on congenital illnesses or defects to their children, the report said. It added that the birth of more than 10 million people with those

defects could have been prevented.

Under the draft law "On Eugenics and Health Protection" submitted to the National People's Congress, people with hepatitis, vene-real disease or mental illness will be barred

from marriage, according to the agency.

Pregnant women diagnosed as having certain infectious diseases or abnormal femses "will be advised to halt the pregnancy," the agency said. The draft law says that married couples with

Wary of nurest and with prices souring, China reimposed controls on 27 basic items. Page 9.

these illnesses or mental disabilities "should have themselves sterilized," Xinhua added.

Once a law reaches the draft stage and is submitted to the National People's Congress standing committee, approval is usually auto-

The Public Health Ministry did not spell out how the measures would be implemented, but the impact could be widespread. A large proportion of the population carries hepatins, an inflammation of the liver often contracted from eating contaminated food or using contaminated needles.

In addition, there are 10.2 million mentally

disabled people in China, the government-run People's Daily reported Thesday.

Citing the annual birth of 300,000 to 460,000 congenitally disabled children every year, Public Health Minister Chen Min Zhang told the National People's Congress standing committee that there was an ingent need to reduce the annual people of the property births.

umber of abuomial births.
"If this situation communs, it will be a very heavy burden to Chinese economic construction and a big burden to the state as well as bring disaster to thousands and millions of families and result in a drop in the quality standards of the population. Mr. Chen said, according to the People's Daily.

China has already come under international criticism for its strict policy limiting most fam-

ilies to one child. The one-child policy, pursued since 1979, has lowered the birth rate below levels needed to replace the population. The birth rate fell to 18.24 births per thousand people in 1992, near-

ly half the 1970 level. China has insisted that stringent measures are needed in a country of 1.2 billion people so that population growth does not outstip the economy. The government has noted that China has 22 percent of the world's population and only 7 percent of its arable land.

In West Bank, A 'Time Bomb' **Bitter Foes in Hebron** Say Peace Won't Work

By David Hoffman

Washington Past Service
HEBRON, Israeli-Occupied West Bank — It was almost dusk as the Jewish boys in skullcaps scampered up the street, chasing the Palestinian boys into their houses. Behind them, Jewish civilian gnards carried rifles to protect their young

The Jewish boys then turned around and ran off to bring cookies to a nearby Israeli Army post, as the curious Palestinians watched from the safety of their rooftop.

It was another late afternoon tit-for-tat in the streets of Hebron, the ancient city that remains a cradle of hatred between Arabs and Jews. This time, the boys were just playing harmlessly. But in recent weeks, Hebron has once again become a killing ground.

The idea behind the peace accord between Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization is to separate two peoples.

The agreement envisions that Israelis will be protected in their settlements in the West Bank and Gaza Strip while the Palestinians police their own lands and run their own govern-

But one place where the idea of peace seems to crumble is in Hebron and the nearby Jewish settlement of Kiryat Arbs. Along the narrow streets of the city and on the rocky plateaus, the Jews and Arabs of Hebron live closer together than anywhere in the West Bank, and Hebron has become a

In the past two weeks, two settlers from Kiryat Arba and four Palestinians from Hebron and nearby villages have been killed in a cycle of assassination and revenge by the militant Islamic movement Hamas and Jewish vigilantes.

·The extremists' war in Hebron is the ultimate nightmare scenario for supporters of the peace accord. It requires only a few skilled guerrillas on either side to create mayhem. For these fighters, there can be no treaties or diplomacy. The two groups are determined to push each other out. Recently, Hamas issued a leaflet challenging Jewish militants to a deadly fight to the finish.

"If the Arabs start up, we teach them a Jewish lesson," said Baruch Marzel, one of the leaders of the ultranationalist movement Kach, founded by the late Rabbi Meir Kahane, which advocates expulsion of the Arabs from the West Bank. Mr. Marzel added: We believe God gave the land of Israel all the land of Israel — to the Jewish people. This is our only country, and people who think it belongs to them don't belong

Mr. Marzel, 34, a father of six, sat in a mobile home on a hill overlooking the center of Hebron. He was not armed because Israeli authorities took away his gun more than a year ago, but he spoke bluntly about the imperative of fighting "the ene-my," which he defined as 80 to 90 percent of the Palestinian

"If Jews will be killed. Arabs will be killed." he said. "This is See HEBRON, Page 6



Elias Freii, Bethlehem's mayor, in Manger Square outside city half Tresday with the Palestinian flag on display. He threatened to cancel Christmas celebrations if the Israeli authorities carried through with their order to take it down.

Vote Boycott Seems Probable as South Africa Talks Fail

By Paul Taylor

Washington Post Service

CAPE TOWN — Talks aimed at bringing recalcitrant white rightist and black homeland parties into South Africa's first all-races election crashed Tuesday on the eve of a deadline, increasing the chances that some parties will

boycott the April 27 vote.

Members of the so-called Freedom Alliance had hoped, as their price for participating in the campaign, to win agreements that extra powers for regions would be written into a new South African constitution due to be approved by

Parliament on Wednesday. But they were un-able to strike a deal in around-the-clock threetalks with the white minority government

and the African National Congress.

The failure of the talks, though by no means a surprise, came as a letdown because it had been preceded by weeks of public posturing by all sides about the likelihood of a settlement. No party wants to bead into the election cam-

paign being perceived as a deal breaker. The latest stalemate has elevated the level of public anxiety in a country surging full speed ahead into the unknown. South Africa is about

to cross the Rubicon from white minority to black majority rule, at a time when it is experi-encing record levels of political violence and almost daily threats of sabotage, secession or civil war emanating from hard-liners who fear

the new political order. "I am bitterly, bitterly disappointed," the Freedom Alhance's chief negotiator, Rowan Cronic, said when it was clear the talks were going nowhere. Some hours later he was more philosophical, suggesting that it was "not the

end of the world. "There are weeks and months ahead to try to

find a solution," be said, expressing a sentiment echoed by government and ANC oegotiators.

All parties left open the possibility that Parhament might reconvene in January to consider amendments to the new constitution. In any event, parties have until February to decide whether to take part in the vote. The ones with the most difficult choice are the Zulu-based Inkatha Freedom Party and the Afrikanerbased Conservative Party.

Though both represent only a small sliver of See CLASH, Page 6

should have been hasking in a holiday glow of

achievement over the improving economy and a

Mrs. Clinton stated that the attacks seem to

come whenever Mr. Clinton's political fortunes

U.S. and Seoul

SEOUL — In Washington these days, North Korea is often portrayed as the Libya or Iraq of the mid-90s: a hasking, unpredictable regime run by a mysterious zealot, secretly pursuing nuclear weapons and ready to pounce on its neighbors at a moment's notice.

U.S. and North Korea report progress while China publicly opposes pressure tactics. Page 6.

ject is rarely discussed, or just shrugged off.
"I don't think people's womes have changed
much in recent days," said Kim Ji Young, 27, a
trading company executive. "North Koreans
are still the Korean people. I don't feel they are
making this transpart to howth us."

making this weapon to bomb us."

Mr. Kim's view is echoed all around Seoul, from coffee shops to the television talk shows. and even in the government ministries that for



LOCKERBIE MEMORIAL - President Bill Clinton and a son of one of the passengers killed on Pan American Flight 103 five years ago during a ceremony on Tuesday. Page 2.

Mrs. Clinton Rejects Stories Of Husband's Infidelity

WASHINGTON - Hillary Rodham Clinton stood by her man on Tuesday, denouncing allegations of her busband's sexual misbehavior as "outrageous, terrible stories."

Mrs. Clinton, in an interview with The Associated Press, said the accusations were being spread by her busband's enemies and by two Arkansas police troopers for "political and financial reasons."

"For me," she said, "it's pretty sad that we're still subjected to these kind of attacks for political and financial gain from people, and that it is sad that, especially here in the Christmas season, people for their own purposes would be attacking my family."

Two Arkansas troopers, who worked on President Bill Clinton's security detail when he was governor, claim they helped arrange sexual encounters for him. Their lawyer, Cliff Jackson of Little Rock, Arkansas, is an enemy of Mr. Clinton's who made frequent accusations in 1992 that Mr. Clinton dodged the Vietnam draft. Mrs. Clinton said Mr. Jackson was part of a group of Arkansas residents "that has become obsessed with the president." The fresh allegations of sexual impropriety

are blossoming, such as his solid showing in the New Hampshire primary and a receot jump in opinion poils. "I find it oot an accident that every time he is on the verge of fulfilling his commitment to the

world trade deal.

American people and they respond," she said. "out comes yet a new round of these outrageous, terrible stories that people plant for political and financial reasons."

Asked if she thought the troopers —Roger L. Perry, 44, and Larry G. Patterson, 49 — were making money off the story, she said, "That seems to be the story." The troopers said they intended to write a book oo their experiences as Mr. Clinton's bodyguards.

Mr. Clinton's life was further complicated

when the White House acknowledged that per-sonal financial files of the president and his wife were removed from the office of Vincent W. Foster Jr. after his suicide in July and before

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Two Factions Report a Pact For Partition Of Bosnia

Serbs and Croats Assert Their Plan Will Meet **Muslim Land Demands**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatch GENEVA — President Franjo Tudjman of Croatia said Tuesday that Serbs and Croats had reached agreement on a new division of Bosnia that would satisfy Muslim demands for a third of the territory,

Mr. Tudjman said that he and the Serbian leader, Slobodan Milosevic, had agreed to offer President Alija Izetbegovic of Bosnia a division of Bosnia-Herzegovina that would give 33.33 percent of land to the Bosnian Muslims, and 17.5 percent to Bosnian Croats.

Mr. Milosevic called the Serbian-Croatian agreement the "biggest step toward peace so

I believe that conditions have now truly been created for the acceptance of the peace agree-

ment," he said. The apparent accord, on the first day of resumed peace talks, could be an important step toward peace. International mediators met into the evening with Bosnian government negotiators to see whether they would accept it. Mr. Tudjman said that he and Mr. Milosevic had made the proposal to the international mediators Lord Owen and Thorvald Stolten-

berg, who would communicate it to Mr. Izetbe-govic. Muslim reaction to the proposal was "After long and rather tiring discussions between the Croatian and Serbian delegations, we have reached agreement as to how we shall have 33.3 percent for the Muslims," Mr. Tudjman

He said that he and Mr. Milosevic had agreed that Bosnian Croats would get 17.5 percent of the land and Bosnian Serbs slightly under half. Mr. Tudjman's statement was initially seen

as meaning that Serbs and Croats had struck a deal over which territory to concede to the Muslims under a European Community peace

But Croatian officials said that after a day of negotiations differences remained on the de-tails of a new Bosnian map.

Diplomais said that Mr. Izetbegovie had not

yet been presented with any new map. With international mediators and the European Community pressing for a pre-Christmas peace accord, Mr. Izetbegovic, the Bosnian Serbian leader. Radovan Karadzic, and the Bosnian Croatian leader, Mate Boban, attended the new round of negotiations.

But the day was dominated by negotiations between Mr. Tudjman and Mr. Milosevic and their respective Bosnian proteges, leaving Mr.

Izetbegovic waiting in the wings.

Bosnia's Muslim prime minister. Haris Si-lajdzic, said he could see no sign that Muslim

demands would be met, and he called on the

European Community to act.

"The purpose of this meeting is to reach an agreement." Mr. Silajdzic said. "Unfortunately, we do not yet see any sign of this agreement."

Asked about Muslim demands — backed by the European Community -for at least a third of Bosnian territory plus a port on the Adriatic Sea, Mr. Silajdzic said: "These are the mini-

mum of the minimum. We hope that this time the European Union will be able to deliver.' Bosnia's Muslim-led assembly rejected a previous peace plan, reached in September under oegotiations mediated by Lord Owen, representing the European Community, and Mr. Stoltenberg, representing the United Nations, because it gave the Muslims only 30 percent of the territory in a new union of Bosnian repub-

The current pregotiations are based on a new EC peace plan which offers the carrot of the gradual relaxation of UN sanctions on Serbia in return for concessions to the Muslims taking their share of territory to at least 33,3 percent. The EC position was spelled out in a briefing document drafted by the German foreign min-

ister, Klaus Kinkel, and endorsed by Germaoy's partners in the Community. The document, given to the Russian foreign minister, Andrei V. Kozvrev, hy Mr. Kinkel over the weekend, tells each side what is needed

for a peace accord. EC diplomats expected the document to be officially delivered to the parties in Brussels during talks there with EC foreign ministers on

Wednesday. The document demands that the Serbs stop shelling Sarajevo and Tuzla. It also calls for them to cede more land around Muslim enclaves in the east and to guarantee a Muslim republic access to the Sava River in the north. From the Croats, the document calls for Muslims to be given access to the sea via Croatia's Prevlaka Peninsula as well as through

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the port of Ploce further oorth.

It tells the Croatians that the Bosnian port of Neum would remain part of Bosnia if Croatia annexes Croat-held parts of Bosnia. (Reuters, AFP, AP)

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Mr. Craxi, one of the most prominent politicians ensuared in Italy's buge corruption scandals, was among 13 people whom Milan prosecutors requested be brought to

Mr. Deming, who served as a U.S. govern-

M. were a surface of surface of the surface of the

trial in a bribery case. The former Socialist leader, who was prime minister from 1983 to 1987, faces other investigations, but it was the first time a request had been made that he be tried. The petition must be considered by senior

magistrates. If it is approved, it could take several months to set a date for trial. W. E. Deming, 'God of Quality Control,' Dies

W. Edwards Deming, known as the "god of quality control," who helped Japan rebuild its shattered industries after World War II, died of cancer Monday in Washington at the age of 93

ment statistician before and during World cal methods to discover the cause of product defects. And he preached that all workers, not just management, should be committed

German Town Turns Prejudice on Its Ear

By Stephen Kinzer
New York Times Service

ALTLANDSBERG, Germany - Even before this week, Dr. Ravindra Gujjula was unusual in Germany. Not many foreigners have come here from faraway lands and risen to positions of professional success and respected

community leadership.

Dr. Gujjula has taken a step into German political history by winning election as mayor of Altlandsberg, his adopted hometown. At n moment when intolerance and racist violence dominate much of the news, his election suggested that prejudice has not, after all, coosumed the national soul.

Some German communities have mayors of Swiss or Austrian background, but until now there have been none from foreign continents or cultures. There is believed to be only one other elected official in the country who was

Berlin City Council.

This December is the 20th anniversary of

my coming to Germany." Dr. Gujjula said.
"The election result is really the best present the people here could have given me."

"These voters gave a clear signal. They said that when it comes to choosing their own local leaders, skin color plays oo role. If that can have an effect oo national politics, then good." Dr. Gujiula. 38. was a teenager in Hyderabad, India. when he won a scholarship to study medicine in East Germany.

Soon after arriving at the Hanseatic port of Greifswald, he met a German woman in Leipzig. They married and have two children, 15

decided to stay in Germany. His wife had found

After finishing his education, Dr. Gujjula

born outside the German cultural sphere, Isma-il Hakki Kosan, a Turkish Kurd who is on the meters from Berlin, and he took a post at a

Dr. Gujjula became involved in several community projects, and io March 1989 he sought a seat on the town council. Despite a clause in East German law allowing such candidacies, he was barred from the ballot. After writing a letter of protest to Egon Krenz, a top Commu-

nist leader, he lost his joh. In local elections held in March 1990, Dr. Guijula was allowed to run for the couocil, and he won handily. He opened his private medical practice as an internist around the same time, His office is on the ground floor of the town

The mayor's joh is unpaid, and Dr. Gujjula intends to cootinue practicing medicine. Dur-

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Out of Sync' Toward North By David E. Sanger

But here in Seoul, within artillery range of

North Korea, the North's nuclear weapons pro-

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Prosecutors Want Craxi to Be Tried

MILAN (Reuters) — Italian anti-graft prosecutors requested Tuesday that former Prime Minister Bettino Craxi stand trial for

War II, taught Japanese how to use statistito improving quality. (Pages 3 and 9)

Ex-Communists in German East Prove Their Resiliency

By Rick Atkinson Washington Post Service

POTSDAM, Germany - Rolf Kutzmutz seemed to have all the advantages in his bid to become mayor of this dilapidated dowager of a city.

As a candidate he was affable, well-organized and telegenic, a politician with a plausible program and a good haircut. His opponent was a lackluster incumbent with a walrus mustache. The electorate appeared angry and ready for a change

But when the results were tallied the voters of Potsdam, like those elsewhere in Eastern Germany, showed they were not quite angry enough to hand the government back to a former Communist Party functionary or the Party of Democratic Socialism, successor to the gang that ruled East Germany for four

Mr. Kutzmutz lost the mayoral runoff on Sunday, 55 percent to 45 percent, to Horst Gramlich, a Social Democrat. In a race that attracted media coverage across Germany, Mr. Gramlich rallied voters from other mainstream parties by warning that investors would flee Potsdam if the former Communists cap-

By Eugene Robinson LONDON - The leader of the

lrish Republican Army's political wing called Tuesday for "direct

and unconditional" talks with the

British and Irish governments, but indicated that the IRA had made

no decision on whether to abandoo its violent campaign to drive the British out of Northern Ireland.

In his first formal response to a

peace initiative launched last week by the two governments, Gerry Ad-

ams, leader of Sinn Fein - a legal

political party linked to the out-lawed IRA — said he and his allies

wanted to make the initiative "the

beginning of the end" of the con-

But Mr. Adams told a Belfast

news conference that Prime Minis-

ter John Major of Britain and

Prime Minister Albert Reynolds of

Ireland were giving contradictory versions of what their much-her-

alded joint declaration really

means. And Mr. Adams repeated

his call for a release of IRA prison-

ers to be part of any negotiated

Mr. Adams's remarks suggested

that the IRA intended to take its

time in responding to the Britishlrish declaration, which offered

Sinn Fein a seat at the bargaining

table within three months if it re-

nounces violence. The remarks all

but dashed hopes that the IRA's

traditional Christmas cease-fire

would be extended into a perma-

As if to underscore that it has not

capitulated, the IRA used bomh

threats Tuesday to shut down much

of London's commuter railroad

system. Nearly 40 rail stations in

not lose his services if he were elect-

He willingly rolls out of bed at midnight when called by the parent

of a sick child, and on the side

dispenses discreet personal advice

to patients whose problems tran-

"People know him as a very good

person who enjoys helping," said the proprietor of a shop facing one

don't think there's any prejudice

There is at least some. An elderly

"Germans have no feel for their

man parking his Trabant ocar the

nation anymore," the man com-

plained. "We're giving our country away to foreigners. I fought in the Wehrmacht, and I can tell you that

this is not what German soldiers

of the cobblestoned streets.

town hall snorted, "It stinks."

scend the physical.

Continued from Page 1 non suggested that such opinions are in the minority. Dr. Gujjula anxious patients that they would won 617 votes, leaving his oppo-

has ruled out.

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IRA Political Chief

Urges Direct Talks

downtown subway lines were closed for much of the morning, turning rush hour into chaos and

thwarting thousands of Christmas

Mr. Adams was careful not to

reject the peace offer out of hand, while at the same time making it

clear that the IRA wanted more

erly managed, a process to bring

about a lasting peace can be estab-lished." Mr. Adams said. But he added that the peace process would be "difficult, dangerous and pro-

tracted," and said Sinn Fein "will oot be intimidated by any threats

from the British government, nor will we be diverted by a carrot-and-

Mr. Adams said he had not yet

even spoken with the leadership of

the Provisional IRA - the military

wing - about the peace bid. It is

anticipated that it could take up to several weeks for the IRA to make

a final decision about a cease-fire.

The Sinn Fein leader's call for

"direct and unconditional dia-

logue" with the two governments is

Mr. Major and Mr. Revnolds, who

say they will not hold talks with Sinn Fein until it renounces vio-

Mr. Adams also mentioned the

apparent difference of opinion be-

tween London and Dublin over an

members being held in British pris-

might be considered as part of an

overall settlement, but British offi-

nent, an incumbent from Chancel-

lor Helmut Kohl's Christian Dem-

ocratic Union, with 320, Residents said the only voter not born in Germany was Dr. Gujjula.

Reflecting a growing trend in lo-

cal German politics, Dr. Gujjula

ran not as the candidate of any

party, but as representative of a local initiative called Citizens for

Altlandsberg. He stressed local is-sues like traffic congestion and ex-

One of his major goals as mayor,

be said, will be to attract several

hundred new families to live here,

among them government bureau-

crats from Bonn who will be trans-

ferred to Berlin as the capital

moves there by the end of the de-

In his 20 years in East Germany,

Dr. Gujjula said, be has never been

the object of a racial threat or as-

cessive street noise.

odds with the stance taken by

stick approach.

"We are optimistic that if prop-

The near-miss by Mr. Kutzmutz, a former Communist apparatchik who acknowledges once serving as an informant for the Stasi security police, symbolizes the former Communists' resurgence as a political force in Eastern Germany.

Stressing an unemployment rate of 15 percent in the Brandenburg, the large state encircling Berlin. The former Communists outpolled even the Christian Democratic Union of Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

Mr. Kutzmutz and most other politicians in his party profess to have shed Marxist doctrine for a more instream ideology oot unlike that of the left-leaning Social Democrats. "You can vote for me without turning red," he told voters. "My main promises are to work for affordable

rents and to create jobs." Overshadowing specific campaign vows, however, is an appeal to an emerging regional patriotism. Mr. Kutzmutz's party — its membership of 145,000 is by far the biggest in Eastern Germany - shows signs of

ers of German unity."

That their political forebears ran an oppressive totalizarian state that collapsed beneath the weight of ils own inefficiencies is something many voters appear willing to forgive, if not forget.

An Allensbach Institute poll published last week East and the resentment many feel toward their richer, domineering cousins to the West, the party snared 21 percent of the vote in local elections this month in Brandenburg, the large state encircling Berlin. The half the number at the time of reunification in 1990. Nearly one-third would welcome a return of socialism in some form, up from 20 percent in mid-1992.

Mr. Kutzmutz's campaign slogans tried to tap this simmering discontent while also shoring up the croding Eastern sense of self-worth.

'I won't let my self-respect be taken away," he vowed in one flyer, implicitly suggesting that the West Germans have plundered everything else. In a pointed appeal to the many Potsdam residents who had ties to the Communists or the Stasi before the Berlin Wall fell four years ago, he declared, "My hiography did not

How long the party can be held at bay, however, becoming a repository for Eastern voters who feel short on Sunday. Clearly the formains to be seen.

Such pitches fell short on Sunday. Clearly the former Communists have a great deal of ground to make up if their comeback is to jell; polls show them particularly weak among rural voters, the young, and those in the southeastern state of Saxony. But their resurgence has triggered enough alarm bells in the mainstream parties to bring a proposal from several Western conservatives that the party be outlawed.

Even those Western politicians who reject such a move acknowledge their desire to keep the party out of parliament in next year's federal elections.

Under special rules for the 1990 election, the requirement that a party get at least 5 percent of all votes cast in order to be represented in Bonn was waived for Eastern parties. Thus the Party of Democratic Social-ism now holds 17 of 662 Bundestag seats. But the 5 percent requirement returns in 1994. Another possibility is outright victory in three or more constituencies, an achievement rewarded with additional seats allotted on a proportional basis.

Either way, the former Communists appear to have a fair shot at returning to Bonn in force, a prospect

WORLD BRIEFS

2 Sides Meet in Athens Bus Dispute

ATHENS (AFP) — Officials met Tuesday with private bus operators the day after a man died in clashes with police during a strike to protest the Socialist government's plans to nationalize public transport.

A pathologist's report said a 56-year-old driver had died from a heart

attack, but witnesses said he had been beaten by police shortly before his death. Stylianos-Angelos Papathemelis, public order minister, said the police had moved in at three of the ciry's five bus depots after reports that men were armed with guns and explosives. An officer and a striker were wounded in the clashes, officials said.

Mr. Papathemelis met Tuesday with representatives of eight private bus cooperatives whose members had kept the capital's 1,700 buses in their depots in a weeklong dispute. The drivers are demanding compensation, a delay in implementation of the law and creation of a private sector to compete with the public service.

Singapore's No. 2 Gets More Power

SINGAPORE (AFP) - Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong reshuffled his cabinet Tuesday, bringing a new generation of politicians into the Singapore government but also handing his hear-apparent, Lee Histen

Loong, wider powers.

The new team saw Mr. Lee, who stepped down as trade and industry minister in November to undergo chemotherapy, refained as deputy prime minister and given the additional responsibilities of overseeing the

Mr. Goh also named Mr. Lee, the 41-year-old elder son of Lee Kuan Yew, to replace him as chairman of the Ministerial Economic Committee

Toll Mounts in Beirut Car-Bombing

BEIRUT (AP) - Rescue workers found the body of a baby boy on

still in practice," said Karim Pakradouni, secretary-general of the rightist Phalangists, the party of Maronite Christians. The statement by Mr. Pakradouni, who was vacationing in Paris, was broadcast by Christian-controlled radio stations. Tamman Salam, the Sunni Mushim leader of the Makassed philanthropic organization, spoke of a return of the "black hands of terror." He urged authorities to chop them off.

CANBERRA (AP) — To the joy of aborigines and their sympathizers, the Senate voted Wednesday to let Australia's original inhabitants press

The native land title bill was approved in a 34-to-30 vote. It now goes to

Taiwan and China Far From Accord

TAIPEI (Reuters) - China and Taiwan, nearing the end of their latest

UNITED NATIONS, New York (AP) - The United States has accesed fram of human rights violations and religious persecution, citing

The accusation was made Monday as the General Assembly reported

BONN (Reuters) — Storms swamped German cities in floodwaters on Tuesday, closed Belgian hospitals and schools, and curbed Norway's oil exports. At least two people were killed as gale-whipped floods surged

The Rhine, fed by swollen tributaries and rainfall, was closed to

weekend downpours picked up force beginning Monday.

Dinant, a picturesque town on the Meuse River, was cut off and several schools were flooded. About 100 people were stranded in their homes and

Lake Geneva, the largest lake in Western Europe, is becoming cleaner, the international commission for the protection of its waters said in Lausanne on Tuesday. The commission's report said the amount of phosphorus in the lake, which is shared by Switzerland and France, had

allen by 44.3 percent since 1979. Hundreds of South Africans have written to city authorities in the coastal resort of Durban demanding that they reimpose a ban on topless sun-bathing. The state radio said on Tuesday about 1,000 people, many in the conservative heartland of Transvaal and the Orange Free State, had

asked the mayor of Durban to reverse a recent relaxation of curbs on

A streamfined version of Japan's Slankmusen bullet train sped Tuesday to what a railroad official said was the second-fastest rail speed, 425 kilometers an bour (265 miles an hour) in a test run of the prototype in Niigata on the Japan Sea coast early Tuesday. This is still far short of the world record, set by France's TGV at 515.3 kph in 1990. (Reuters)

Airlines using Hong Kong's Kai Tak airport have agreed to regulations to deter tardy passengers: If they don't arrive on time, take off without them. From Jan. 1, Kai Tak check-in desks will close 40 minutes before departure and boarding gates 10 minutes before, the Crvil Aviation Department said.

trade and defense portfolios.

Yew, to replace him as chairman of the statement excellent. Committee in the changes, which take effect Jan. 2. A statement from the prime minister's office announcing the changes said Mr. Lee's doctors had confirmed that his lymphoma was in complete remission, with a 20 percent risk of recurrence in the first two years.

BEIRUT (AP) — Rescue workers found the body of a baby boy on Tuesday in a house next to the bomb-devastated headquarters of the Phalangist Party. His death raised the toil in an attack on Monday evening to three killed and 130 wounded.

The car-bombing was the worst in almost two years. It caused both Christian and Muslim leaders to voice fears that it might signal a return to factional terrorism three years after the end of Lebanon's civil war.

"This bombing is evidence that terrorist methods of the civil war are still in practice." said Karim Palradomi, recentary conserval of the rightist.

Australia Bill Backs Aborigine Rights

territorial claims to as much as one-tenth of the continent.

the House of Representatives, Parliament's other chamber, where passage is assured. The bill culminated a long national debate over how to balance the rights of aborigines with the interests of Australia's powerful miners, ranchers and other businessmen and landowners.

"This has been the longest continuing problem that Australia has faced for 200 years, recognizing that indigenous people, that native people, had the right to their own soil," said Prime Minister Paul Keating, who pressed for the law. The bill gives aborigines and Torres Strait Islanders the right to make claims on territory held by the federal and state governments if they can prove their unbroken connection to the land.

round of talks in Taipei, remained far from agreement Thesday over the repatriation of Chinese hijackers and other major issues.

Taiwan's chief negotiator, Hsn Hwei-yow, said the talks had bogged down over Taiwan's judicial sovereignty, which China does not recognize.

Mr. Hsu said negotiators had only one more day to reach agreement; detailed discussions are to and Westernament and to reach agreement; letailed discussions are to end Wednesday afternoon. He said earlier that Taiwan was prepared to see the talks close without any agreements.

U.S. Alleges Iran Persecutes Baha'is

death sentences against three members of the Baha'i faith.

widespread human rights abuses in Iran. The vote criticizing Iran's rights record was 74-23, with 51 abstentions.

A U.S. delegate, Victor Marrero, said that a recent UN rights report on Iran criticized the death sentences against two Baha'is held without charges since April 1989. A third Baha'is recently has been condemned, he said. He urged "all nations who oppose racism, intolerance and deliberate abuse of human rights" to support a resolution critical of Iran.

For the Record

Domino Pizza Inc., which built the world's largest pizza business by promising delivery within 30 minutes, dropped its guarantee Tuesday. The decision followed a jury award in St. Louis, Missouri, of \$79 million in damages to a woman struck by a Domino's driver who had passed a red

TRAVEL UPDATE

Heavy Storms Swamp German Cities

through southern Germany, officials said.

commercial shipping for a 50-kilometer stretch between Cologne and Oberwinter near Bonn. Towns were cut off and schools closed for the day in wide areas of Bavaria, Rhineland-Palatinate and Saar states after

four boats were delivering essential supplies, an official at a flood crisis center in Brussels said.

Giovanni Canabae's "Holy Trinity" is back in Florence's Uffizi after restoration, with the work sticking to schedule despite a bombing in May that heavily damaged the museum.

(AP)

TGV JUMPS THE TRACKS - A gendarme inspecting a train on France's TGV high-speed network that derailed Tuesday at 300 kilometers an hour. Six persons among the 211 passengers were slightly injured in the incident, near Amiens in northern France. Officials blamed a dip in the ground caused by rain. The TGV stayed upright because its cars were tightly linked into a "backbone."

Clinton Marks Lockerbie Deaths With a Vow

WASHINGTON — Up the hill from the graves of John F. and Robert F. Kennedy, and past the old amphitheater of Arlington National Cemetery a 3-year-old boy who never knew his father stood in the raw morning cold next to the president of the United States.

amnesty for the hundreds of 1RA Nicholas Bright was six months old when his father became one of the 270 killed when a ons. Mr. Reynolds said over the weekend that a prisoner release terrorist bomb exploded aboard Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland.

On Tuesday, Nicholas participated in the cials firmly ruled out any amnesty. ground-breaking ceremony for a memorial "Obviously, prisoners have to be cairn, a Scottish monument, to the victims that released as part of any peace pro- was approved unanimously by Congress for the

But President Bill Clinton cast the disaster in terms of an armed struggle and vowed to push for prosecutions in the case, "Our nation will never stop pursuing justice on those individuals who caused the tragedy." he said.

Mr. Clinton said that the bombing and terrorist attacks were responses to the spread of democracy around the world.

"With terrorism they lash back," he said. "We saw it at the World Trade Center. We saw it in an attempt to assessinate former President Bush." In retaliation for the alleged attempt by Iraq to assassinate former President George Bush, Mr. Clinton ordered a missile attack on Baghdad last summer.

ed from 270 red rose stones brought from a Scottish quarry, and will rest in an area musuitable for graves. All of the mourners were colorful corsages of lavender heather and a tartan ribbon, and some had pictures of the victims pinned to their coats.

No suspects have been brought to trial for the bombing, but two Libyan sospects have been indicted. "It is imperative we have a com-plete investigation to determine who is responsible," said Senator Edward M. Kennedy of Massachusetts, who has fought for sanctions, including a "complete and total embargo" against Libya until the suspects are brought to trial in the United States. Thirteen victims were

Russian Elections Prove

Good for Lenin's Tenure

MOSCOW — The campaign to remove Lenin from his tomb on Red Square has been derailed by the success of Communists and nationalists in parliamentary elections.

The Russian government has better things to do than worry about

whether to remove the Bolshevik revolutionary from his place of honor and bury him, a spokesman for President Boris N. Yeltsin said

"It's oot the most important issue for the country." said the spokesman, Anatoli Krasikov. "It has to be resolved, but we cannot think about the dead at the expense of our pressing needs."

Just last month, the mayor of St. Petersburg had suggested that

Lenin be buried oext to his mother and two sisters in St. Petersburg's

Volkovskovo Cemetery on Jan. 21, the 70th anniversary of his death

Government officials had said before the Dec. 12 elections that

Lenin's final resting place would be decided by the new parliament after it convened in January.

"It will be decided." Mr. Krasikov said Tuesday, "but so far, it's not its turn. Public debate is under way, and it will be taken into account." The issue could be sent instead to Moscow's new city

council, which is dominated by reformers more likely to favor

MAYOR: Turning Back Prejudice Yeltsin Abolishes

Yeltsin abruptly abolished the Security Ministry on Tuesday, saying the buge force, successor to the KGB, was "incapable of being re-

lating that the Security Ministry would be replaced by a federal counterintelligence service and made it clear that an extensive purge of security personnel would

The Russian leader, who cridcized the ministry for passivity during an armed parliamentary revolt in October, said the security forces had been slowing down reforms and that attempts at reorganization

had been mainly cosmetic. lacking a strategic concept of Rus-sia's state security and said its counterintelligence work had been

for failing to predict the success of nadonalists in parliamentary elections last week that marked a setback for economic reformers.

comment on the strong electoral showing by ultranationalists, said

Tuesday that the vote was intended as a protest by Russians against their increasing impoverishment and was not a sign that the country was sliding toward fascism.

"Don't forget the poor," he said

who voted for the Liberal Democratic Party. They weren't voting for its leader or platform, but in protest against poverty." Mr. Yeltsin turned aside further

day. He is expected then to give or turn toward fascism, some indication about whether be The party that receive

him a sharply divided parliament, many distilusioned by economic saying he would comment further and democratic reforms, is about to at a press conference on Wednes- be seized with a nationalist frenzy The party that received the most

Lenin's removal.

intends to alter his reforms or his reforms h new service would be headed by those who believe that Russia, with ovsky, who has promised to recreate a Russian empire, use nuclear weapons against enemies,

summarily execute criminals and rid Russia of "foreigners." Japan Recognizes Macedonia

Reuters

TOKYO — Japan oo Tuesday recognized the former Yugoslav re-public of Macedonia, which de-clared independence in 1991 and joined the United Nations in April. ovsky on at least some issues.

While the most pro-Yeltsin par-ty, Russia's Choice, ended up winning more seats in the new parliament than any other party, the antireform bloc will have the most seats. There will also be a substantial bloc of independent legislators, whose allegiance is now actively being sought by all sides. The new parliament is scheduled to meet for the first time Jan. 11 to

try to pick its leaders. There has

been much maneuvering, with proand anti-Yeltsin forces trying to come up with a parliament coalition large enough to claim a working majority.

As it stands oow, the anti-reform bloc seems closer to achieving the task, with Communist and pro-Communist groups apparently willing to work with Mr. Zhirin-

Caretaker Elected as Hungary's Prime Minister

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches BUDAPEST - The parliament oo Tuesday elected Peter Boross, a 65-year-old conservative with a reputation for toughness and effidency, as prime minister, succeed-

Mr. Boross's endorsement, by a

The acting speaker of the parlia-ment proclaimed Mr. Boross prime minister after the vote, in which racy with ideals anchored in Euro-the parliament. deputies were also asked to approve the government's program.

Mr. Boross had headed the caretaker government that took power when Mr. Antall died on Dec. 12 after a long battle against cancer. He was Mr. Antall's interior minis-

ter and trusted lieutenant. He has repeatedly stressed that

racy with ideals anchored in Euro- the parliament. pean tradition.

the parliament.

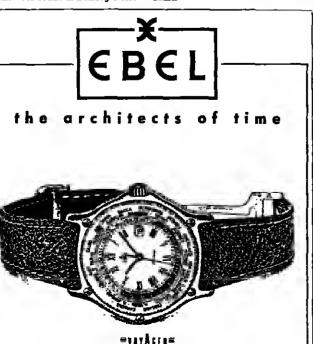
Mr. Antall and Mr. Boross's cen-

Opposition parties unanimously

"If I am elected, the new govern-voted against Mr. Boross, with only ment will regard itself as the continuation of Antal's legacy," he sentatives voting for him said before the vote in an address to My Boyess supposited by Mr. Boross appointed have Kon-

ya, the former Hungarian Democratic Forum parliamentary group ter-right party, the Hungarian leader as interior minister. He did nocratic Forum - in alliance not reshirffle Mr. Antall's cabinet he wants to continue Mr. Antall's with the Christian Democratic Peo-otherwise. (Reuters, AFP)





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MOSCOW - President Boris N. lushko.

formed. Mr. Yeltsin issued a decree stipu-

He also accused the ministry of

The ministry has been attacked

Mr. Yeltsin's decree said that the

■ Yeltsin Sees Protest Vote Margaret Shapiro of The Washington Post reported from Moscow; Mr. Yeltsin, in his first public

during a visit to an architecture exposition in Moscow. "It was they

questions on the results of the Dec. 12 elections, which have handed

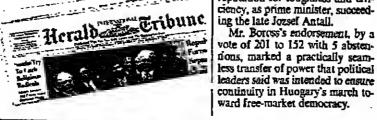
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By Howard Kurtz

Washington Past Service
WASHINGTON — After the fiery cult disaster at Waco, Texas, last April, Attorney General Janet Reno became a media celebrity of

near-mythic proportions.

There was lunch with Don Johnson and dinner with Barbra Streisand, an Annie Leibovitz photo shoot for Vogue and a glowing cov-er story in Time magazine. "Clearly the star of the cabinet."

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the Los Angeles Times declared.
The 6-foot, 2-inch crime fighter, whose mother wrestled alligators, has reached that rare place where her stature outshines her president's," said U.S. News & World Report

But the media have a way of launching public figures into the ere and then yanking stratosph them back to Earth without a para-chute. In what has become a classic Washington ritual, the press pack has suddenly opened fire on Ms. Reno, often using anonymous quotes for ammun

"Doubts on Reno's Competence Rise in Justice Department," a front-page New York Times head-line said in October. The Washington Post reported last month a growing disillusionment among many who once saw Reno as an advocate for change." The "CBS Evening News" said this month that White House officials viewed Ms. Reno as "a loose cannon" and that she might have become "a liability."

How did the winds suddenly shift on "Hurricane Reno," as USA Today once called her?

"A good case can be made that Reno and company used the press to their advantage early on and that Reno's detractors are using the press pretty well against her now," said Terry Eastland, editor of Forbes Media Critic magazine and a Justice Department spokesman in the Reagan administration. "The knives are out for her."

Carl Stern, Ms. Reno's chief spokesman, put it this way: "It seems there's a Newton's law of physics that also applies to journal-ism: If you've reached a point where you've printed too much complimentary material about a person, then lest you be accused of journalistic flaccidity, you are obliged to go out and dig up some thing derogatory.

The daughter of journalists and the sister of a Newsday columnist, Ms. Reno recognized from the start that the national media's portrait of her bore only partial resemblance to reality. The former Miami prosecutor cinded reporters in a July speech at the National Press.

"You have created a myth of this

old, swkward old maid." She said journalists were too concerned with eral is now being criticized for the "appearances" and "not enough with substance."

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"You love to stir up fights. You contribute to the hype and the spin. I don't do spin."
The negative shift in Ms. Reno's

coverage is not unlike the recent spate of stories about White House dissatisfaction with the departing defense secretary, Les Aspin. Or the bad-press buildup that preced-

same quirky independence that won her plaudits last spring.

When President Bill Clinton

nominated Ms. Reno in February after problems sank his first two choices, Zoe Baird and Kimba M. Wood, the press generally provided upbeat accounts of her 15 years as Dade County's top prosecutor. The Waco raid, which made Ms. Reno a celebrity, was by any mea-

lady from the swamps," Ms. Reno ed the resignations of top officials sure a disaster. Her approval of the said, when she is merely "a 54-year-old, awkward old maid," She said

Oddly enough, the attorney genvid Koresh's Branch Davidian compound resulted in the deaths of

In Washington, however, appearances are often more impor-tant than reality. Ms. Reno quickly works to take personal responsibility for the tragedy. She faced down a press corps that she said looked Newsweek said Ms. Reno had

way triumph." Time observed that "the capital is all agog at the new attorney general's outspoken hon-

Ms. Reno's take-charge image had become more important than the reality of her flawed decision. appeared on the four major net- Six months later, a Justice Department review found, among other things, that Ms. Reno had been wrong in contending that children were being abused inside the comlike "a bunch of hungry wolves." were being abused inside the com-The wolves were quickly tamed. pound. Ms. Reno said she had mis-

By then, of course, Janet Reno was a certified folk hero. Profiles invariably described her as a scuha diver who chainsaws trees for relaxation. A U.S. News artist drew her lassoing a huge alligator, though it was her mother who had done battle in the swamps.

Ms. Reno also won editorial praise when she complained that presidential aides had misused the FBI hy ordering an investigation of the White House travel office without notifying her. A New York Times editorial praised Ms. Reno for "blowing the whistle" on White House chicanery. As with Waco. Ms. Reno's positive press elippings

came at the president's expense. White House officials grumhled to reporters that she was not a team player after she shot down Vice President Al Gore's proposal to merge the FBI and the Drug Enforcement Administration. They were less than pleased when she continued to back Lani Guinier's nomination as her civil rights chief after Mr. Clinton decided to pull

the plug on the candidate.
As Ms. Reno kept giving speeches emphasizing youth programs and crime prevention, these officials played the Washington leak game, saying her liberal approach was making the administration look soft oo crime. With Mr. Chnton flexing his "New Democrat" muscles by pushing for more police and stricter gun control, Ms. Reno's focus on television violence and the "root causes" of crime was

made to seem out of step.
"A lot of it — not all of it — is contrived," said Mr. Stern, a former NBC legal correspondent. "It's a concoction. Her relations with the White House are cordial and constructive. But a story that everyone at the White House is getting along swell with the attorney general is oot likely to make the evening

Still, Bob Cohn, a Newsweek reporter who has covered the White House and the Justice Department, There are people in the White House who definitely sent a signal that she was not as great as everyone thought. They were re-sentful at her glowing coverage." Since it is difficult to assess a

cabinet member's performance after a few months, particularly that of one who runs a department with 95,000 employees, oews organizations tend to focus on flashy or symbolic events.

David Johnston, the New York Times reporter who co-authored the piece questioning Ms. Reno's competence, said that after the Waco publicity faded "she had to come back and run this very difficult law enforcement apparatus. The coverage has begun to reflect how hard it is for anyone to run

* POLITICAL NOTES* Clinton to Back Inman Despite Tax Arrears

> WASHINGTON - The Clinton administration intends to proceed with the nomination of Bohby Ray Inman to be secretary of defense despite Mr. Inman's failure to pay Social Security taxes for a part-time housekeeper, according to White House officials.
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> If confirmed, Mr. Inman would join at least one other cabinet member — Secretary of Commerce Ronald H. Brown — and two

dozen other high-level appointees who have received positions even though there were Social Security tax violations in their pasts. Early in Mr. Clinton's tenure, the issue helped scattle several nominations, most notably that of Zoe Baird to be attorney general. After several months of difficulty, Mr. Clinton and Senate leaders announced earlier this year that they would not consider such tax problems to be a disqualification so long as the nominee voluntarily

disclosed the liability and agreed to pay back taxes.

"At the outset of his discussions with the White House, Admiral Inman fully disclosed this situation and made clear his intent to come into compliance with administration policy on this issue," White House press secretary Dee Dee Myers said. Mr. Inman has

now paid \$6,000 in back taxes, she said.

After the highly public fight over the Baird nomination, some leaders of women's groups argued that the issue of taxes for domestic help was being used against female nominees but not against men. Before the new policy was adopted, however, the Social Security problem also snared some high-level male candidates, particularly Charles F.C. Ruff, a former prosecutor who had been stated to be deputy attorney general.

Rostenkowski Accused of Phantom Payroll

CHICAGO — A grand jury investigation into the finances of Representative Dan Rostenkowski, the chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, has widened to include accusations that his congressional office paid tenants of family-owned buildings, fulltime city employees and people who had not worked for him in years, according The Chicago Sun-Times.

The possible ghost employees include an alderman's wife who

stayed on the congressman's payroll for five years after she ostensibly quit her joh in 1987 to stay home and start a family, The Sun-Times reported.

The congressman put another woman, an elderly tenant in a duplex his family owned, on the payroll, the newspaper said. The woman said she had not worked for him since she had been a baby-

sitter for his four daughters, the youngest of whom is 33.

Another woman, an elderly neighbor of Mr. Rostenkowski's, denied that she had been paid or had done any work for him although she was listed as receiving checks for \$6,841, the newspaper

The accusations arose from interviews the newspaper conducted with grand jury witnesses who have worked for the Democratie congressman. A former employee said that she had never met a man who purportedly worked in her small office and collected \$48,000

Clinton Appoints Lobbyist as Legislative Alde

WASHINGTON - President Bill Clinton appointed Pat Griffin, a lobbyist and former top aide to Senator Robert C. Byrd of West Virginia, to run the White House office of legislative affairs. Mr. Griffin, 44, would replace Howard Paster, who is leaving the White House to become chairman of the Hill & Knowlton public relations

Mr. Griffin held several government positions before leaving the Senate staff in 1985 to work for the public relations firm of Burson, Marsteller. He started his own firm, Griffin, Johnson & Associates, the following year.

Quote/Unquote

Laura D'Andrea Tyson, chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers, on the administration's emphasis on deficit reduction: "We have had to make some very tough choices in a quite inhospitable economic environment. But I see the response of the financial markets as a vote of confidence."

THE STOCKES TRYSTS: Outrageous Stories

Mark D. Gearan, the White motes for their own financial gain House director of communications, said the files that were removed included documents relating to the Clintons' personal tax returns and their investment in an unsuccessful real estate company, the Whitewater Development Corp., what was going on." A spokesman which has been linked to an investing said that Mr. Clinton "talks to peogation of a failed savings and loan

Personal files of Mr. Foster, a deputy White House counsel who shot himself, were also removed without being shown to investiga-tors at the direction of the White House counsel, Bernard Nussbaum, he said. The Clinton files were sent to

Mr. Clinton's personal lawyer in Washington, David Kendall, while the Foster files were sent to the Foster family lawyer, Mr. Gearan The new flap over Mr. Clinton's

alleged sexual impropriety recalled his stormy quest for the presidency, during which a woman, Gemiler Flowers, maintained that she had had a 12-year relationship with Mr. Clinton. Appearing on national television, he denied having had the affair, but acknowledged that his. marriage had hit some rocky pas-

The fresh allegations, which appeared first in a conservative mayazine, American Spectator, and were broadcast by CNN, surfaced as Mr. Clinton's popularity rating climbed. A Washington Post-ABC poll found that 58 percent of the electorate approved of his handling of the presidency.

"My husband's presidency speaks for itself, and what he has done in just one year for America," Mrs. Clinton said in the interview.

Continued from Page 1 . "Ultimately, that's how the Ameri-FBI agents had a chance to exam-ine them. or because they have a political

vendetta."

By Dan Balz

Washington Pan Service

victories and brighter economic news appear

to have helped shore up President Bill Clin-

ton's standing with the American people,

who now give him his highest approval rat-

ings since the first months of his presidency.

showed that 58 percent of those surveyed said

they approved of the job Mr. Clinton was doing, compared to 40 percent who disapproved. That represented a marked improvement in his ratings, which had had fallen to

A Washington Post-ABC News Poll

WASHINGTON - A series of legislative

The White House confirmed reports that Mr. Clinton had telephoned members of his old security detail in Little Rock to "find out ple in Arkansas regularly," and that he had made the calls because "he is concerned about inaccurate stories about his personal life." The White House denied the suggestion that Mr. Clinton had offered a fedtral job to a trooper in return for

Following the American Spectator story and the CNN broadcast, the Los Angeles Times on Tuesday published the results of a long investigation into the troopers' allegations. It said the policemen had signed affidavits attesting the truth of their statements, and that two other troopers had corroborated them while asking not to be identi-

According to the newspaper, the troopers said they were often called upon to act as intermediaries to arrange or conceal encounters with women. They said they often delivered gifts to women from Mr. Clinton and drove him in his state limonsine to encounters.

"We were more than bodygnards. We had to lie, cheat and cover up for that man," Mr. Patterson was quoted as saying.

Reporters who reviewed thousands of pages of state telephone records said Mr. Clinton made at least 59 calls to the same woman from his car phone and from hotel rooms between 1989 and 1991. (AP, NYT, LAT, WP, Reuters)

How Infidelity Story Won Press Attention

ity since April.

first session of Congress, particularly the

North American Free Trade Agreement and the Brady handgun control bill. In addition,

the administration successfully negotiated a world trade agreement, GATT, that had been stalemated for several years,

He also appeared to have benefited from

continuing signs of an improving economy, from lower unemployment to cootinued growth rates to rising consumer confidence.

More than half of those surveyed (53 per-

cent) approved of his handling of the economy, a 10-percentage point jump since last month and the first time he has had a major-

Washington Post Service
WASHINGTON — The Arkansas lawyer who has pushed allegations of extramarital encounters by
Bill Clinton says he tried to continuous of the Supreme Court.

The way in which Mr Tockson Bill Clinton says he tried to get an article published in the "liberal"

Janet Reno passing the phone during Bill Clinton's telephone conference with American mayors on crime prevention.

Successes Help Clinton's Ratings Bounce Back

43 percent in June and had hovered around

He now ranks better than did Ronald Rea-

gan at a similar point in his presidency. Rea-

gan's approval ratings fell to 49 percent at the

end of 1982, as the economy was heading into

a deep recession. Mr. Clinton is at parity with

Jimmy Carter (57 percent) but still lower than

George Bush was at the end of his first year in

The Post-ABC poll showed across-the-board improvement in Mr. Clinton's stand-

ing with the public.

Mr. Clinton's rebound occurred after sev-

eral legislative victories that closed out the

50 percent since early September.

office (71 percent).

planned article in the American Spectator, a conservative monthly. The Times declined to publish the story last weekend but the attorney, Cliff Jackson, still managed to get the allegations into the mainstream news media. His clients, two Arkansas state police officers, claim that they had arranged for sexual liaisons for Mr. Clinton when he was governor of Arkansas. Mr. Jackson, a college friend of President Clinton's who now is one of his most bitter political enemies, provided the allegations to Cable News Network, whose Sunday

night broadcast was picked up by

The Associated Press. The AP dis-

and his clients worked the news media reflects a clear understand-Los Angeles Times to "balance" a ing that troopers' credibility would be shaped by how their allegations became public. A White House official said

there had been "a calculated effort on the part of critics of the president to inject this into the media. and they used the American Spectator as an avenue in." David Brock, author of the

proached him in August to discuss article. The paper published it his writing a book about their allegations. Mr. Brock wrote "The Real Anita Hill," which has drawn both praise and denunciations for Associated Press on Friday. He its contention that Ms. Hill fabri- said he "felt we needed the national cated her sexual harassment allega- TV hammer at this time."

seeking a book cootract and are bitter toward Mr. Clinton, Mr. Brock said, "I was very careful to test for exaggerations and embellishment" by interviewing them repeatedly.

Mr. Brock said the American Spectator, which is published in Arlington, Virginia, delayed release of his piece to allow the Times to publish first. The Times editor, 11,000 word American Spectator Shelby Coffey 3d, said the paper article, said the state troopers aphad not been ready to publish the Tuesday.

> After the Times initially held off, Mr. Jackson declined to talk to The

That hammer was wielded by CNN. Mr. Jackson made the two officers available to CNN for interviews, and Mr. Brock was also interviewed.

"The fact the troopers were willing to go on camera was what made us decide to do a story," said Ed Turner, CNN's vice president for

Media reaction varied widely The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal published nothing, while there were banner headlines in the New York Post ("BILL'S NEW SEXGATE") and New York Daily News ("BILL'S CUPID TROOPERS"). "It's two troopers who are trying

to get a book deal," said the Journal's Washington bureau chief, Alan Murray. "Without a great deal more corroboration, we - HOWARD KURTZ

Away From Politics

• Four mouths after the Marine Corps tried to ban married recruits, the Defense Department has buried the plan. A "comprehensive study" has found "no statistical link between marital status and readiness," Defense Secretary Les Aspin said in a statement. But the study found serious problems in housing and "social and support programs" for married troops, some of which would be very expensive to correct.

 The youth who shielded two girls from gunfire was killed by his half brother, the Los Angeles County police said. Eric Gunn, 21, was booked for investigation of murder in the death of Rayshaun Love. 17, and crack cocaine possession. The police said they believed the gunman fired erratically at the crowded party in Lancaster, California, because someone had spilled beer on his shoes.

• The captain of the Golden Venture, the freighter that ran aground off New York in June with nearly 300 illegal Chinese immigrants. has agreed to plead guilty and to cooperate with U.S. authorities investigating the trip, his lawyer said, in return for lenicacy, Amir Humuntal Lumban Tobing was prepared to testify against eight Chinese men facing trial on charges of having acted as enforcers on the ship for the principals who had arranged the trip.

 The news media have been giving excessive coverage to the allegations that Michael Jackson sexually molested a 13-year-old boy, leaders of the Western Regional NAACP say. In announcing a study to assess the media's coverage of hlacks, Shannon Reeves, West Coast director of the NAACP, said, "We're not going to stand by any longer and allow this to happen."

W. Edwards Deming was largely ignored in his own country, istician in the United States in 1950

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W. Edwards Deming, Management Expert, Dies at 93

By John Holusha New York Times Service NEW YORK -- W. Edwards Deming, 93, an expert on quality in manufacturing who helped Japan rebuild its shattered industries after World War II, died of cancer Monday in Washington.

associates rather than adversaries. products on world markets. His theories were based on the premise that most product defects resulted from management shortcomings, rather than careless workers, and that inspection after the fact was inferior to designing for better quality.

Mr. Deming was an obscure stat-

when he was asked by some Japa-nese industrial leaders, hased on his research in World War II, to deliver a series of lectures on his quality-control principles.

He and his message were eagerly embraced by the Japanese, who believed that, without many natural Mr. Deming long urged U.S. cor-porations to treat their workers as would prosper only if they sold His success in Japan made him

the leader of a generation of spe-cialists on product durability and reliability who were then sought by American companies trying to catch up to Asians. But his renown in the United States never matched The Japanese created a Deming

He was born in Sioux City, lowa, and grew up in Powell, Wyoming. where his father worked as a parttime lawyer and land developer. Mr. Deming attended the Uni-

versity of Wyoming, working at odd jobs while he studied engineering. He later earned a master's degree in mathematics and physics from the University of Colorado and a doctorate in physics from Yale in 1928.

In his later years he charged large fees, sometimes as much as \$100,000 a year from a single client. his lectures and seminars. He delighted in telling corporate

ment procedures like production quotas, performance ratings and individual bonuses, saying they were inherently unfair and detrimental to quality. He said customcouraged to use their minds as well as their hands on the job.

Mr. Deming denounced manage-

His blunt approach offended many executives, who turned else-where for advice. Yet some companies, including Ford and Xerox, sent hundreds of their managers to

chieftains who asked him to help when vehicle sales were faltering control." Page 9.

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A Safety Net for Russians

When Vice President Al Gore was in Moscow last week, be suggested that perhaps some of the conditions for foreign loans to Russia need to be loosened. That is a change in at least the tone of American policy, and it apparently took some of Washington by surprise. But having seen some of the effects of the economic decline — and having read the results of the Russian elections — Mr. Gore thinks that the United States needs to try harder to find useful ways to respond.

That is admirable. Russians ought never to be left under any shadow of doubt about American responsiveness and goodwill. But conditions on aid are necessary as well. Otherwise the loans enable an embattled government to put off difficult decisions.

A second point that Mr. Gore and everyone else needs to keep firmly in mind: The worst social misery is not being caused by reform. but by the lack of it. The old Soviet economy is collapsing, irrevocably. What is called reform is the way out of the wreckage into something more hopeful. Social conditions are much better in Russia than in say, Ukraine. The reason is that Russia has made a substantial beginning on the process of re-form, while Ukraine has done little and is suffering for it. To the extent that foreign loans are conditioned on further reform, they become a visible incentive to keep going.

Mr. Gore said specifically that the two great lending institutions, the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund, ought to consider loosening their requirements a hit. In fact, they have recently done some loosening. But there is a need for a real social safety net in Russia - the structure of public benefits that the West takes for granted. Whether social benefits should be financed with borrowed money is questionable. Perhaps the United States and the other rich democracies have an obligation to come up with larger grants rather than more loans.

Mr. Gore's comments and all the debate on this crucial subject are pointed toward the meeting in Moscow between the two presidents, Bill Clinton and Boris Yeltsin, in mid-January. Within the Russian government. most of the decisions on reform were put on hold pending the elections. At the Moscow summit meeting, Mr. Clinton will ask whether the Russians are prepared to continue toward a market economy. If the answer is "yes." the West needs to be ready with more support for that progress. That does not mean dropping the conditions on aid. Instead it means ensuring that there is enough aid of the right kinds to see Russia's people through the next several years as they struggle to unlock their own country's great potential wealth.

— THE WASHINGTON POST.

Mideast Negotiation Jitters

More Palestinian stones in Gaza. More Israeli shootings in response. Another round of talks without consummating September's agreement on Israeli withdrawal from Gaza-Jerieho and Palestinian autonomy. These dismal events make the news and nourish despair. But they do not define the larger reality of a region struggling to break out of a deadly ethnie conflict and join the modern world. They do not indicate the mutual readiness for change that exists at the leadership level and in public opinion, too.

The immediate issues seem like fine print. Who is to control border checkpoints? What are to be the borders of "Jericho"? Are Israelis to have the road rights to ensure security for Jewish settlers? The Palestinians answer these questions in a way that amplifies their elaim to early and full sovereignty. Correctly, the Israelis say the Sept. 13 accord promises no such thing; they insist that Palestinian rights are

contained by the language of the agreement.

Their friends must tell the Palestinians that to insist on such a broad reading of the agreement is to ensure its collapse at both ends as fsrael's already shaky confidence in negotiation is shattered, and as unrealistic Palestinian expectations are dashed. Their friends must tell the Israelis that to ignore the popular

Palestinian currents running against the compromises made by the PLO leadership on Sept. 13 is perhaps to win a small battle but surely to lose the larger struggle.

In this moment of first-time negotiation jitters, each side is entrenched in its view of what must come first; for the Israelis personal security, for the Palestinians the appearance of statehood. Finding the trade-offs is stretching both sides to their political limits.

Over the weekend the Israelis arrested six Jews on charges of plotting terrorism against Arabs. This single sweep does not shut down the terrorist potential of West Bank Jewish settlers, but it offers a timely example of the self-discipline that is now the key component of confidence-building on both sides.

Israelis harbor understandable doubts about the capacity of the PLO, once it starts policing Israeli-evacuated land under an autonomy regime, to enforce the law on Palestinian terrorists. But nothing Israel could do at this point would serve it better than to begin withdrawal: to show Palestinians the specific fruits of accommodation and to put Palestinian selfpolicing to the test. Withdrawal can begin as the PLO makes its share of reasonable adjustments on the issues on the table.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

For Better Public Schools

at the lower rungs of the education ladder. His latest donation, a staggering \$500 million, is aimed at improving elementary and secondary education, where America is acknowledged to

be much weaker than in higher education. Mr. Annenberg says be wants to help stem the growing tide of violence in schools. His gift will be doled out over five years in challenge grants to educators who are developing innovative programs which, they bope, can be replicated across America and thus reshape

the way ehildren are taught.

For starters, \$50 million will go to the Coalition of Essential Schools, based at

Walter Annenberg, who donated \$365 mil- Brown University. The coalition, founded by lion in June to three universities and a New the education reformer Theodore Sizer, emrental involvement. Another \$50 million will go to the New American Schools Development Corporation, a privately financed group that was first proposed by the Bush adminis tration to finance innovative reforms.

Mr. Annenberg has now become public education's higgest and best known private donor. Applauding his gesture, President Bill Clinton noted that there were many good school programs around the nation that had not been successfully duplicated. Mr. Annenberg has made it possible for many more of these flowers to be transplanted and bloom. - THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Other Comment

A Serbian Vote for More War

Not as strong as some people had feared but strong enough to rule Serbia: That is President Slobodan Milosevic after the Serbian parliamentary elections on Sunday. In the balfway-free elections, a politician who is leading his people into war and into economie (and also social) catastrophe got a relative majority for his party, the Serbian Socialists, who were formed out of the former Communist Party. The success was only possible because Mr. Milosevie has smashed and fragmented all the opponents of his Greater Serbian policy. The collective intoxication of Greater Serbia has now also

affected his domestic opponents.

One could even speak of a brilliant ehess move: The ultrachauvinistic, and to some extent criminal, soul mates of the winner of the elections — such as Vojislav Seselj, the head of the Serbian Radical Party, and Zeljko (Arkan) Raznjatovic, a member of parliament who is sought for bank robbery and murder have lost. Mr. Milosevic can now tell the

West: "Look, I am not like them." What is worrying is that the entire leadership of Serbia is now determined to retain invaded territories. Not even the opposition parties speak out against the Serbian war. The displaced Muslims and Croats in Bosnia will not be able to return to their home villages. - Die Welt (Bonn).

Before the elections, there were disagreements between the political parties on all sorts of subjects: democracy, the police guard for President Milosevic, inflation and poverty. Only one issue, which should be the main cause for concern in Serbia, was hardly debated: the Serbian war. No one requested that the state end the aggression, dissolve the satellite forces which it set up and armed in Croatia and Bosnia and which it still directs, or get out of the occupied areas and seek peace.

- Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung,

East Europe Is Looking West

Views are divided in the West over what policy to adopt toward the countries of the former Soviet sphere of influence in Eastern Europe. Some have called for a policy of including Russia in the new Europe (ignoring the misgivings of Russia's neighbors); others see no reason to shore np Russian power now, after having spent two generations trying to undermine it. The general consensus in the countries most directly concerned is that they want very much to become a Western sphere of influence. To some, that may smack of colonialism and carving up the map; others call it the "right of peoples to self-determination." The peoples themselves see it as their surest way to joining the West and of not being reabsorbed into Moscow's empire. - Neue Zürcher Zeitung (Zurich).



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Let's Cool Down the Korean Hot Air Crisis

SEOUL — There is a large dose of dark fantasy in accounts of an impending Korean crisis, not at all in the holiday spirit. It is dangerous, because it can provoke much worse trouble than currently exists.

First, the facts, from senior South Korean and American officials directly involved

There has been no change of any significance in North Korea's military deployment in well over a year — in fact, for several years. There is no evidence at all for reports of a new buildup and increased readiness for an attack on the South. Washington accounts suggesting that South Korea would rapidly be overrun without previous

improvements in the ability of the 35,000-member

American force to receive reinforcements are based on an outdated contingency plan called 50-25. After a two-year review, a new plan has been adopted and it is a good deal less alarmist. Secondly, there is no sign that North Korea has continued its efforts to huild a nuclear weapon for at least the last several months. Intelli

gence indicates that it has suspended, although not dismantled, this operation. Therefore it is not reasonable to suppose that time spent in trying to advance negotiations for proper inspection has



N ICOSIA—In their campaign to drive (oreigners and their works out of Algeria, militant Islamists have

sounded an old and dangerous sec-

tarian note. What was new, different

and especially sinister about the re-

cent murder of 12 Christian Croatian

and Bosnian workers at a construc-

tion site was the language used by

Crusaders in our land ... and

in Bosnia," said a message sent by

the Armed Islamic Group, the self-avowed perpetrators. Thus the spec-ter of Muslim-Christian strife is

added to the xenophobia and "eth-

nic cleansing" rampant in both Algeria and the former Yugoslavia.

Many of Algeria's foreign residents have taken their governments' advice

to leave. Frenchmen, Spaniards, Rus-

sians, Italians, a Briton and others

have been killed since the guerrillas'

ultimatum for foreigners to leave ex-

personnel and staffers of multina-

tional companies are leaving.
In both the Bosnian and the Alge-

evenge the crimes against Muslims

This is how we deal with the new

their Algerian killers.

By Flora Lewis

been time lost in heading off a fait accompli-Asked just how big is the fire behind all the ominous recent diplomatic smoke, South Kore-an Foreign Minister Han Sung Joo told me, ft's not even smoke, it's steam

Then how to account for all the menacing hot air? That is more speculative, but it does reflect known internal political disputes within the South Korean military establishment, supported hy differing factions in Washington.

For one thing, there are people within the military both here and in the United States who strongly oppose cancellation of the huge annual "Team Spirit" joint U.S.-South Korean exercise. Cancellation, demanded by North Korea, is one of the concessions that the United States has offered in return for agreement on the nuclear issue and serious North-South negotiations. The concession was offered on the judgment

that the exercise is no longer really necessary, and

may be unduly provocative. Opponents of this decision apparently wish to create a public impression that the exercise remains urgently necessary. Ontgoing Secretary of Defense Les Aspin contributed to the flap with remarks he made on a no-attribution basis during a recent, badly run trip to South Korea. He later tried to back away from the impression he gave of grave imminent threat with a statement he made on the record contradicting his first comments without acknowledging them, which therefore did not effec-

tively serve the purpose.

Nobody can explain why he made the headline-grabbing warning in the first place. Perhaps it was unwitting. Very likely it was a factor in his

eagerly received resignation.

In the circumstances, you would expect a clear public move to calm the jitters and jingoism that have been aroused. The failure to do that can be more easily explained. It is the old dilemma of two audiences

Reversing gears would certainly be the right thing to do for the big audience, but officials worry that it would signal to North Korea's Kim Il Sung that the West has given up on the

By John K. Cooley

nuclear issue, and that he can proceed complacently with his programs. Governments don't want to mislead or comfort him.

But this overlooks the political risk accumulating for a Clinton administration that has already been accused of a lack of resolve in foreign affairs, of caving in on Somalia, Bosnia, Haiti. Conservatives are starting to demand action against North Korea, arguing that America is losing credibility with allies by "waffling."

South Korean policy has undergone a dramat-

ic change, however, and Seoul really does not want to heat up the atmosphere. Neither, though, does it want to encourage North Korea, because the underlying, residual threat is still there, nor to demobilize its own people. Therefore it has not explained openly that the new policy is to go slowly, to try to make it possible for eventual reunification to come in long, gradual steps rather than a sudden upheaval, to seek to narrow the enormous economic and social gaps between the enormous economic and social gaps between the two parts of the country as much as possible before overwhelming political change.

Japan agrees, but does not say so very loadly for the same reasons and so as not to show an

important divergence from U.S. assumptions. The most important reason for the change is the painful experience of Germany. The chasm between North and South is enormously greater than it was between East and West Germany,: and sudden unity would present similar pro-

blems but on a much greater scale.

The biggest Southern fear is invasion not by troops but by millions of refugees, and the most mportant planning is on how to persuade them to stay home if Northerners were free to move.

Seoul has sent a special team to its embassy in Bonn to study Germany's problems, its mistakes and advice. It has already concluded that its interest lies in evolutionary North Korean development. The puzzle is how to do that without helping to strengthen and perpetuate the Stalinist Pyongyang regime. Not easy, but the answer is certainly not to revive Cold War nerves.

This is a case where candor would be better deterrence than threats of reprisal. There is no burry. There is time for diplomacy.

Flora Lewis

For Russia, Put the First Thing First

By A. M. Rosenthal

N EW YORK — Sometime soon after the anti-Communist revolution, a new mantra entered international life. The phrases "free market economy and democracy became chanted together, an insepa-rable formula. Without one, the other could not exist. In combination they were sung as the only answer to the future of Eastern Europe and Russia. The manus met the beliefs of many economists and politicians in the West and the dreams of reformers in the new Russ

I understood the belief and dreams. I had reported from Poland in the cold days of Communism. The sys-tem disgusted me. Only a fool, ideo-

logue or apparatchik would not un-denstand that it was totally corrupt, totally bootal, totally inefficient. And no democracy, however im-perfect, came near communism for distribution of poverty, or stultifica-tion. Whenever I left Poland to visit a free city, the mere sight of a stall with fruit or a kiosk with choice made my mouth water and brain timple.

But democracy within a fully free market is not reachable in Russia any near tomocrow. Three problems will logically slow its arrival. If the West and Russian reformers do not face them, the result may be neither a free market nor a democracy but one more all-controlling despotsm fascist or Communist.

First: The formula does not always work. Dictatorships by the sewerful have used some form of market eco-nomy to strengthen themselves; the Nazis in Germany, the Communists in China; Saddam Hussein in Iraq, the ayatollahs in Iran

And time and again democracies like India have crept shead while neighbors like China leapt forward. No mystery: dictatorships can act without the consent of the people. That is a laborious, quarrelsome business. Its only value is that it means the difference between breathing

freedom and breathing slavery. The second problem is that Russians, with no experience in demo-cratic economics, are asked to create a fully free market, quick, snap, while established democracies still move

toward it with enormous caution. In Japan, business, government and politicians work together in a largely closed system. In Western Eu-rope, public telephones and telecomications still are in government hands. In the United States, administrations are elected and survive by lading out advantage to selected parts of the society.

Free markets usually mean memplayment for some to create prosperity for more. Westerners protect themselves with nets of unemployment insurance and social security as they

no inching, no nets just the plunge.

The third problem could be the most dangerous. Too many Russian workers feel that the new economic system is being sheved down their throats. Economic hard times become a personal and national humiliation — a combination that helped Russian fascism get a quarter of the party votes, and a variety of Commonists take another large chimk.

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Russians created Russia and Russians will have to solve its problems. But the West can help. One way is to draw closer to Russian reformers and other democrats - not just Boris Yeltsin but all the others who will have to think things through.

Full speed toward the free market would be fine - if it could be maintained at acceptable social price. But so far it has meant murderous inflation and more unemployment, without the increased production it is supposed to bring.
For the sake of the civil peace that

democracy needs to grow, President Yeltsin may have to listen to reformcrs who argue for a slower pace— keeping some-subsidies, some con-trols and some tariffs to buoy drowning industries. Name a Western nation that is not doing that right now. If the pace has to slow, the West should not denounce or isolate Russia in the name of economic theory. If Russian workers want a little more job security to butter their freedom, and shout that economic theory alone can be too dry to swallow, are they different from Western workers? We in the West are asking the

democrats of Russia to hang together against fascism and com So it would be cruel and self-defeating for the West to choose this moment of crisis to withhold our constancy from those democrats. The revolution against communism was fought for freedom, not for an eco-

The New York Times

And Then No Muslim Threat

The following excerpt is from "The Last Thrust Southward," an autobiography by Vladimir Zhirinovsky, the Russian nationalist whose party made a strong showing in the Dec. 12 parliamentary elections.

WHEN some parties preach that we should cut off Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan and Central Asia, they don't understand that we are cornering Russia in tundra where there can be no life and babitation just natural resources. Civilization has always started from the south. But since there were too many people in the south they gradually advanced toward the north. People never realized that they were abandoning the better places. Thus my idea of the last thrust,

It should be done like shock therapy, unexpectedly, quickly and efficiently. We'll acquire the four-axis platform: Relying on the Arctic Ocean in the north; the Pacific Ocean in the east; the Atlantic Ocean through the Black. Mediterranean and Baltic seas; and finally in the south on the Indian Ocean, we shall get quiet prighbors.

Such are the historical realities: a merger of different nations as a result of the economy, the dominance of the Russian language, the Russian ruble, the dominant place of the Russian army as the most combatcapable. Stability in the entire region ... America will rest in peace because it will mean an end to wars in this region of the world -no Red threat, no Muslim or Turk threats, no Islamie threat.

It has always been a dream of mine — to see the Russian soldiers wash their army boots in the warm water of the Indian Ocean and change into summer uniforms forever ... We will build sanatoriums, spas, youth camps on the vast expanses of the south for the people from the industrial north to take a rest there. Let the Muslims stick to their customs and traditions in places where they live in large numbers. Let the bigamy be preserved, and women wear their chadors ...

All these things will become possible if we make this thrust to the south. We need it badly, it is the medicine that everyone has to take. But the medicine may be bitter for some people, maybe someone in Tehran or Kabul or Ankara would not like it.

The Washington Post.

veterans, Kamar Eddin Kharban, a nationalities - Algerian, Palestinian, member of the Islamie Salvation Egyptian, Kashmiri and others have become the most formidable op-Front's exiled executive committee,

has traveled to Bosnia several times. Mr. Kharban's career shows what hes in store for Algeria and other countries whose young men were trained by the CIA, defeated the Russians in Afghanistan and re-turned to lead the destabilization of their own states and societies. He left the Algerian army in 1983 for Peshawar, Pakistan. Under the auspices of the CIA and its Pakistani equivalent, he soon became a leader of the majahidin fighting the Russians and Afghan Communists.

Shortly after the death in Algeria rian government and Western intelligence sources believe, was to do simi-lar organizational work in Bosnia.

in 1987 of another Afghan-trained Islamist leader, Mustaphia Bouali, Mr. Kharban returned to Algiers to preach in a suburban mosque. From that base he formed clandestine guerrilla cells modeled on Afghan lines.

and met senior government officials. In recent months, one of the most charismatic of the Algerian Afghan There May Still Be Time for Talking

By Katherine Roth

PARIS — Eight months ago, a friend arrived sobbing at my door in Algiers. He told me the government was forcing him to strip away the symbol of his faith. From now on, even the most devout Muslims would have to shave off their beards or risk brutal abuse from the police. Beards, I thought. Were they

really this important?
When I had arrived in glittering white Algiers, a capital city superbly framed in green and flowered hill sides against an immense blue sky, could not have imagined what the beauty would come to hide. Only three years before, Algeria had seemed to be a bright star of liberal-

ism in the Arab world. In April, a few days after the en-counter at my door, I watched police corralling men with beards and trucking them off to the station, where their names were taken down. Their simple

cotton Muslim gowns were torn and their beards roughly shaved away. That day, a cousin of my friend came home badly bruised, his face

bleeding. He said the police had forced him to shave off his beard with a piece of plastic and had laughed as he scraped away. He was a grocer, not politically involved. Not involved, that is, except as a

rian cases, the glowing coals of sec-

tarian ill will are being fanned into flame by the now all too familiar

figures of what could be called the

Afghan International. These are the

Arab and other Muslim veterans of the 1980-1990 jihad, or boly war, trained under the management of the

CIA in the arts of guerrilla warfare.

terrorism and sabotage to light the

Soviets in Afghanistan,
Algerian "Afghanis," as they are
known locally, have led many of the
deadliest attacks against the military-

backed government that took power in January 1992 and annulled elec-

tions that looked likely to bring the Islamic Salvation Front to power.

Bosnian Muslims also have many "Afghanis" fighting with them. Like some of the Algerian Islamists, some

identify their enemies primarily as

Christians, Early this month the vice

president of Bosnia's Muslim-led gov-

practicing Muslim and sympathizer with a party - the Islamic Salvation Front - that was winning parliamentary elections when the government annulled them in January 1992. The front had campaigned to replace a regime that continues to be widely despised as corrupt, incompetent and Western-inspired.

Despite its status as an OPEC member, the quality of life in Algeria is often worse than that in Egypt. Shortages of coffee bread and sugar are frequent. Prices have risen sharply in the past year but salaries are frozen. Unemployment is estimated

at 25 percent. I set out to try to understand the Islamist trend. I watched hope become tension, tension turn to anger

and anger burst out in violence. The sound of gunshots in the night has now become routine, along with the the curfew; being out after 11:30 P.M. can mean death. In fact, the streets of Algiers are empty after 8 P.M. — which is most unusual for a Mediterranean city. Restaurants are virtually empty at night.
In Germany recently, I interviewed

the leader in exile of the Islamie Sal-

vation Front, Rabah Kebir. His version of the general picture matched the line I had heard among ordinary Islamists in Algiers: "The Islamic movement is a revival of a society's concentration on its origins in hope of inspiring change. It started at the time Arab nations were colonized. In Egypt there was the Muslim Brotherhood, and in Algeria there was the Association of Ulema. At the time, these organizations were most concerned with working for Arab independence. They succeeded in that goal ... We are taking up that original movement once again."

But anger is mounting in the gritty streets of Algiers. Radical new militias are being formed, over which the Salvation Front appears to have little if any control. An Armed Islamic Group has claimed responsibility for most of the recent killings of foreigners.

Thousands of foreigners have fled in recent weeks — including this writcr. Western countries' cultural centers have closed. Foreign newspapers have been unavailable for many months. and the local press is censored.

The opposition became violent after the 1991-92 elections were annulled and the party was outlawed. The country now resembles a powder keg with a fuse burning shorter every minute.

When a nonviolent party won the first round of voting by a landslide in the country's first free elections. Western governments stood by in silence as the regime annulled the vote, banned the party and began the jailing of at least 7,000 of the party's members and sympathizers. Amnesty International has confirmed what the people in Algiers say: that torture is systematic in the crowded prison camps.

Western diplomats estimate that at

least 35 people a day are being killed by one side or the other. On Friday, Mr. Kebir called a press conference in Bonn to announce tough conditions for any dialogue with the authorities. He also addressed outsidets: "How can anyone understand a world community that looks away

when people are tortured? North African Islamists are Sunnis, not Shiites like the Iranians. Mr. Kebir is not the only Salvation Front leader to assert that an Islamic Alge-

ria would "not be another Iran." How oppressive the Islamists would be if they came to power is impossible to say. In any case, they exist, and the army and police of Algeria are losing control. Westerners should be talking with Algerian Islamists, it seems to me.

The writer, an American journalist studying the Islamists as a fellow of the Institute of Current World Affairs, lived in Egypt for three years and has just spent eight months in Algeria. She contributed this comment to the Inter-national Herald Tribune.

Algeria in Crisis: The 'Afghanis' Stir Things Up According to a senior Serbian official. Afghan war veterans of various

> ponents of the Serbs - and "the Christians," as this official put it. In Algeria, exiled political leaders of the now banned Islamic Salvation Front, such as Rabah Kebir, who lives in Germany, have taken their distance from the sectarian killings of foreigners. Mr. Kabir told a news conference in Bonn last Friday that murders such as those of the 12 construction workers were "not beneficial to Algeria." At the same time, however, he warned that "if a foreigner is on the side of our people's oppressors, he is not wel-come." This was a warning against military, paramilitary or police assistance to the Algerian government by the United States, France or others.

Algeria's governing State Council includes Prime Minister Redha Malek, a veteran of the 1954-1962 inderespected for tireless work to secure the release of the U.S. diplomats held hostage by Iran in 1979. Other council members are hard-line generals. It was to have dissolved itself at the end of this mouth, but has extended its mandate by a month. Some members seem interested in finding negotiating part-ners among moderates in the Islamic Salvation Front.

On Friday, Mr. Kebir set five conditions for such talks, including the re-lease of all "political prisoners" in Al-geria, who human rights groups say may number 15,000. The front also wants lifted all laws and regulations passed after the January 1992 military takeover. To replace the State Council it advocates the creation of a body that would incorporate all political forces.

The front calls for the trial of those responsible for barbarous acts." Lastly, it insists that talks between the front and the Algiers leadership take place in a neutral country. According to Remy Leveau, a

French specialist on Islam, the Algiers leadership cannot avoid talking with the front if the Algerian state and its society are to be saved. In a recent interview with a French newsp zine, Mr. Leveau expressed his belief that, just as the Palestine Liberation Organization has denounced Palestinians who kill Jews in Israel and the occupied territories, so would moderate elements in the front cooperate with Algeria's military and Prime Minister Malek if given a chance. France, the United States and Al-

geria's other friends and trading partners ought to encourage talks. The only other choice is an escalation of warfare, terrorism and the kind of Muslim-Christian religious fanaticism fanned by the Crusades but rarely seen since then.

The writer is an ABC News correspondent specializing in the Middle East. He contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

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IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1893: Hudson Bridge

NEW YORK - Both Houses have

passed the Hudson River Bridge Bill. It now only needs the President's signature to become a law. This formality will be accomplished in a few days and then the construction will be begun of the structure which is to connect New York and Jersey City. The bridge company's officials say that they have their plans all ready and the money on hand necessary to begin work at once. Construction of the piers will be delayed until the winter is over, but there is nothing to hinder immediate operations on shore.

1918: Welcome Home

NEW YORK — The United States War Camp Community Service an-nounces that the following wireless message will be sent during the next three days to all homecoming war-ships: "New York City welcomes the homecoming officers and men with a maddition great mores of war rial and numerous prisoners.

Year. Several big organizations have joined in offering all possible hospitality and assistance to make your stay in New York pleasant. And special invitations to homes have been made for you."

1943: Battles in Russia LONDON - [From our New York

edition:] Russia's Baltic Army, storming toward the Vitebsk-Polotsk rail line, has captured more than a hundred populated places, killed 1,000 Germans and reached to within twenty miles of the German de-fease bastion of Vitebek, Moscow announced today [Dec. 22]. At the same time, the Russians announced the liquidation of a German bridgehead on the left bank of the Dnieper across from Kherson. More than 2,000 Germans were killed there in a three-day battle that wrecked twenty-one of their tanks and seventyeight artillery pieces, and cost them in addition great stores of war mate-

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A True Picture of Crime Would Be More Helpful

By Richard Harwood

the United States believe that crime is the "biggest issue facing the country." That is news because polls of this kind ordinarily find that people are most con-cerned about the economy or, in the old days, the threat of war.

That crime should now outrank unemployment or economic insecurity as a national concern is not the result of any new wave of criminality sweeping the country. The overall crime rate, according to the Justice Department, has been

ing to the Justice Department, has been declining for nearly two decades; the rate of homicide, the crime that resonates most strongly among the people, has been stable for a number of years.

Three-fourths of American households are untouched by crime of any kind in the course of a given year, and 99.999 percent are unaffected directly by homicides. But there is no doubt that public concern is rising.

the streets in gang wars and executions that have no explanation. As the hometown papers, magazines and broadcast-ers for these cities, we are personally affected by these things and by the an-

country. If the hometown happens to be a financial or governmental center — Washington, for example — the impact is heightened. There is the White House in the background, the president exhibiting great concern, the mayor seeking Na- today have not changed significantly in

WASHINGTON —A national poll, taken about a month ago by The Washington Post and ABC News, tells us that 21 percent of the inhaltants of the United States believe that crime is the "biggest issue facing the country."

I tonal Guard protection, Congress debating and legislating new billions to fix the problem. Meanwhile, television studios are grinding out new and "true" crime the whom the state of the country."

A great nerve has been touched in the

country. Crime has become politicized. There are demands for more jails, more police on the streets, longer sentences, lewer paroles and gmn control. We faithfewer paroles and gm control. We faithfully report these developments along with the latest casualties on the streets. But the media do not explain very well the nature and incidence of the plague. Why are criminal behavior and its effects concentrated in such a small segment of the population? Why are there vast discoverances between the urban and resolutions. crepancies between the urban and rural crime rates compiled by the FBI? Why is a citizen in Louisiana seven

times more likely to be murdered than a citizen in New Hampshire or Vermont? Why is the South so afflicted with violence and mayhem when New England public concern is rising.

One of the principal reasons is that the national media are located in large cities, where marder and other types of violence are real problems, cities where hundreds of kids and young men are shot down in the stress in same many and executions. and the Plains states are relatively un-

likely than white men and black women four times more likely than white women to be murdered in any given year? Is it because of economic conditions, as some suggest, or is it because most blacks are guish and fear they inspire.

Children of a culture of violence peculiar

Cur concerns radiate throughout the to the South, a culture that affects the



more than three centuries. They "correlate more closely with cultural regions of origin than with urbanization, poverty or any material factor."

From the beginning of colonization until today, homicide rates have been extremely low along the northern border from New England to the Pacific Northwest. In the South the reverse is true. It has always been a killing field. "The laws of New England," Mr. Fi-scher writes, have never given "latitude

to violence. [These] laws are actively supported by other institutions. For more than three centuries, town schools have taught children not to use violence to solve their social problems. Town meetings strongly condemn internal vio-lence. Town chies teach others by example that violence is not an acceptable form of social behavior ... "All of these tendencies run in reverse

throughout the old southwest and south-

on highlands. The principle of lex talionis is still part of Texas law, [allowing] a husband to kill his wife's lover in fla-grante delicm... Texas schools and school books glorify violence... Texas efites still live by the rule of retaliation and murder one another often enough to set an

of violence ... and always has been."

There is caricature as well as truth in this portrait and in the Hatfield and McCoy legends that survive in the Ap-palachian highlands. But the culture of violence is real and has made its way north with the vast migrations of both whites and blacks out of the South dur-

example. Texas is entertained by displays

ing and after World War II.

The patterns, as Mr. Fischer notes, are "highly complex," but how else than hy differences in regional cultures are the stunning differences in regional homicide rates explained? These are questions that the media need to deal with as

crime enters the political arena and inspires legislative remedies that may prove to be as useless as much of the

legislation of the past quarter-century.

There is, for example, a chorus of demands for "more cops on the beat." What is the correlation between "more cops" and homicide rates? Washington, with the highest homicide rate among American cines, also has more police per square foot than any city in the Western

world. Is this an aberration? Do more prisons deter crime? The number of state and federal prisoners has more than tripled since 1970, with no comparable reduction in the victimization rates for crimes against people. Crime, historically, was a subject left to newspaper backs of the Hildy Johnson school and to apprentices sent down to police stations to see the way of the world. It needs our best efforts now.

The Washington Post.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

People and Government

Regarding the opinion column "The 10 Values That Undergird East Aslan Strength and Success" (Dec. 11):

I have no quarrel with some of the values identified by Tommy Kon as the ones primarily responsible for the strength and success of East Asia. What the former Singapore ambassador to the United States does not discuss, however, is the role of government and of the individual in an authoritarian society when the latter believes he should be left alone or when he has a

different idea of building a nation.
Authoritarian rulers will readily agree with Mr. Koh's values since they ensure the perpetuation of those in power. But suppose the status quo is oppressive and exploitative? Mussolini and Hitler, Anastasio Somoza of Nicaragua and Jean-Claude Duvalier of Haiti would proba-

bly agree with Mr. Koh.
Will it really help to say that a citizen

should not be individualistic but must "keep in mind the interests of others," or that he should "practice national teamwork," or that "the press most act respon-sibly" — the very same values that Ferdi-nand Marcos used to stress during the Philippines' unforgettable years of mar-tial rule and "conjugal dictatorship"? Singapore, with its small population, is probably more fortunate in that its

former authoritarian ruler, Lee Kuan Yew, was not corrupt. But how does a citizen know, ahead of time, whether the president he wants to vote for will not be a world-class thief or plunderer? JOVITO R. SALONGA.

. Manila. The writer is a senator and leading human rights activist in the Philippines.

I think Mr. Kob and those in East Asia who argue for the limitation of democratic rights with appeals to "cul-tural" differences are behaving irre-sponsibly. They do great damage to our

mutual human enterprise. East and West alike. Cultural differences we may have, but these have no more to do with the arguments of the politicians who are whipping up such a fever about them than whether my great aunt wears a wig to church or not.

developed countries in East Asia. As such, it has a responsibility to join with the other highly developed countries of the world in finding solutions to the human problems that beset our societies. If its politicians really do care about the commonweal of Singapore, they will allow liberty of the press and will join their friends around the world in demanding the highest possible human rights standards from their friends and enemies alike. They will respect people's ability to decide for themselves, and join with the other developed societies in searching for the solutions to the real problems that confront all of us. Singapore's politicians make them-

selves absurd in the defense of tyranny. complications and infections come from not only in my Western eyes, but in the -satisfied patients? eyes of my East Asian brothers and sisters.

Singapore is one of the most highly Brain Implant, Anyone?

Regarding "Doctors' Panel Urges Access to Implants" (Health/Science, Dec. 2):

Since it is not known exactly how much silicone leaks into women's bodies from implants, let us play dumb and pretend we don't know that any leakage a noxious substance might be harmful. That way this money-making procedure can continue ...

How typical of the medical establishment to accuse the press and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration of "arousing unaccessary worries among women." Where does the American Medical Association think the reports of

LINDA CLEMENT. Marly-le-Roi, France.

Go Straight to the Market

In response to "On With the Work of Democracy in Russia" (Opinion, Dec. 18): President Boris Yeltsin should have created a holding company owning all public enterprises; given each citizen one share (no vouchers, please) in it, and let them trade these shares freely. Since all workers would have kept their jobs, for a while at least, and received one share in the commonwealth, this scheme would have have been easy to sell politically. Without such bold steps, Russia and other former Communist-run nations will be condemned to muddle through and the West condemned to subsidize them.

SLAHEDDINE KHENISSL Dhaka, Bangladesh.

Like Lots of Us, the Woman Hadn't Been to Montreuil

By Brian Knowlton

P ARIS—It begins when you board the Metro, especially late at night. You feel the weight, like a hand held to your lips, another pressing you down. It is not paradise. You edge away from the the shifty ones; you study your knees. But sometimes it's hard to be so hard. Curiosity beckons. There are 3 million

MEANWHILE

stories in this city, more on shopping days. And what a group. Set off tear gas in a crowded Metro, and people would

curse you in 20 languages.

A few years ago, I was lost in a book when Father Christmas boarded my car. He was tall and bony, with a wispy gray beard. He uttered a most gallant "Excu-sez-moi, madame!" to a woman he had brushed against. He took a seat and fell silent, but be seemed to project energy

humming like a model-train transformer. He sat erect and wore an expansive smile and, yes, had twinkling eyes

that seemed to take in the whole car.
His fingers were endless, his knuckles gnarled. His long coat — it enveloped him, like a bell does its clapper — gave him the air of an ancient mariner, perhaps, or a worker-priest. But there was something wry in that expression, like a madman savoring a secret.

When a tiny old lady boarded, he leapt up. "Madame! Madame! Take my seat, please!" Surprised — perhaps be-cause she wasn't that old, perhaps be-cause she was unaccustomed to being noticed - she politely demurred.

But then, a stop later, the seat across from his became vacant. He leapt up again. Waving and pointing like a longarmed traffic cop, insistently ushered

the woman into the empty seat.
"You'll be much more comfortable like this," he said, as solicitously as if she were eight months pregnant. She nod-

ded and smiled meekly.

He went on. "Oooooohhh, it was cold this morning." She smiled again, her head now tilting ever so slightly, as if to ask whether this polite man might be a tiny bit carckoo, Making small talk—to

a stranger on the Metro? "It was at least 10 below," he went on. "Of course, that was out in Montrenil, where I live. Do you know Mon-trenil?" No, she shook her head. "It's a wonderful place, just wonderful. We have museums, gymnasiums, a market, we have swimming pools and parks our mayor is a fine man. Have you ever been to Montrevil?"

Another shy shake of the head, no. 'it's not really that far — an hour from frocadero (isn't the Metro amazing?). You really should come sometime."

He went on and on like this - not quite a madman's ramblings, but then didn't the fact that he was talking to a People within earshot were now tuning in to the man's patter, and watching his hands, which, as he spoke, drew riveting arcs through the air — beckon-

ing defining entrancing.

His chatter meanwhile had skipped merrily along from Montreuil to Moscow, by way of points unknown. "Did you know," he said, "that Gorbachev is being kicked out of the Kremlin? The people have nothing to eat, no money, and they're blaming him. And, of course, it's socoooo cold in Russia in the

winter. Did you know about all this?"

No. she shook her head, her eyes growing wide. "And what do you suppose he'll do now, our Mr. Gorbachev?" he asked. "A good man with such talent, with such a fine mind."

She, too, appeared perplexed. At this point, a woman across from me saw the mirth in my eyes. I could see from hers that she, too, was enjoying the show. We exchanged a smile of shared bemusement, shaking our heads in complicity.

The woman next to her was smiling as

well. And then those two traded a conspiratorial smile, and began their own ginet conversation.

Another woman got on, stepping on the toe of the woman across from me. She apologized and, perhaps encouraged by her victim's generous forgiveness, was soon recounting the tale of her hard day at the office. There were clucks of sympathy all around. Very un-Metro-like.

Across the aisle, Father Christmas's new friend seemed to have softened. Her smile had broadened, she leaned in toward him a mite more and was now aglow with attention.

Who was he? A harmless old kook? A small-time Casanova? Or a con man coveting the contents of the woman's modest purse, which she still clutched tightly in her lap? In her plain cloth coat and flat brown shoes she hardly looked the part of an heiress.

By now there were conversations on all sides, and as I tried to keep them straight I looked up just in time to realize I had reached my stop,

It wasn't easy leaving the show in the middle like this, not knowing how the story would end. Would the woman, mesmerized, miss her stop and ride on to Montreuil? Would she agree to have a coffee with him in some grimy suhurban café? Would he bring her a flower, picked in a public garden? Would someone, instead, be waiting

for him in Montrevil with a butterfly net and a straitjacket?

Or did it have something to do with the full bright moon I saw glimmering over the shoulder of St. Amhroise Church when I left the Metro? And why did it all remind me of a Frank Capra movie? Where were the plump flakes of Hollywood snow, the fresh-faced car-olers, and the distant sound of bells? Where were the words "The End"? International Herold Tribune.

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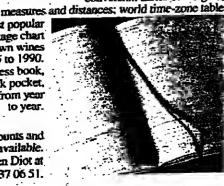


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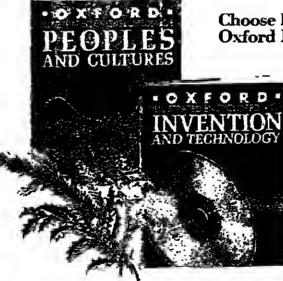
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allies. They were joined by Yoel Singer, legal adviser with Israel's

Foreigh Ministry, and Nabil Sheath, a fermer business professor

who has conducted some of the

PLO's most sensitive talks with the

Diplomats said the negotiators

were prepared to work through the night to reach an agreement by

Wednesday, the new deadline set by Mr. Rubin and Mr. Arafat when they failed to resolve lingering con-flicts in Cairo on Dec 12.

Plans for an Israeli military puli-

out and Palestinian self-rule in the

Gaza Strip and Jericho have been

delayed by disputes over the con-trol of bridge and border crossings, the extent of the Israeli withdrawal

from the Jericho enclave and secu-

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Progress Reported Over North Korea

WASHINGTON - Allied officials reported progress Tuesday in the latest round of U.S. talks with North Korea on resolving the nu-clear impasse that is threatening to unsettle North Asia.

At the same time, China declared its opposition to pressure on North Korea, publicly undercutting a U.S. threat to win UN sanctions against Pyongyang sbould American oegonations with the North Koreans fail. China has a veto on the Security Council.

A U.S. official, reporting on the confidential meeting in New York with the North Koreans, said differences between the two sides were "steadily narrowing." He would not elaborate.

In Seoul, a South Korean Foreign Ministry official said, "There is some improvement. There are some points we must study. But it fell sbort of expectations. At issue is an international effort

to win North Korean acquiescence for thorough UN inspections of nuclear installations suspected of being part of a clandestine program to build atomic arms.

The United States has discussed

an accord that would include a number of allied steps, such as ending large-scale military maneuvers with South Korean forces, normalizing trade with North Korea and exchanging diplomatic missions. In return. North Korea would be ex-pected to allow UN inspections and reopen a political dialogue with South Korea.

in a rare public comment Tues-day, Ho Jong, who headed the North Korean delegation Monday. said, "Simultaneous steps have to be taken. That is now under discussion." He declined to elaborate, saying he was bound by an agreement with U.S. officials not to reveal details.

ward the United States on Tuesday by handing over what it said were the remains of 34 U.S. soldiers killed during the Korean War. It was the fourth such action in less

The Chinese, meantime, moved to undercut U.S. threats of sanctions against North Korea, most recently uttered Sunday by the White House chief of staff, Thomas White House that of said, thomas
F. (Mack) McLarty, who said the
United States would seek an oil
embargo if the talks collapsed.
A Chinese Foreign Ministry
spokesman said Tuesday that Beij-

ing did not favor "exerting pressure and intensifying the contradic-tions" between North Korea and South Korea. In another development reflect-ing nervousness about North Ko-

rea in the region, Japan urged China to use its influence with North Korea to resolve the inspection is-The call was made during talks on military issues beld Monday in

Beijing between the director of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's Asian affairs division, Tadashi Ikeda, and his Chinese counterpart, Wang Yingfan. (AP, AFP, Reuters)

KOREA: Policies 'Out of Sync'

Continued from Page 1

years used the North Korean threat io justify the jailing of dissidents and the buildup of the South's military power.

The government's change in tone apparently does not stem from a conclusion that the North's intentions are benign, Instead, it comes from a calculation that the South will lose much of its negotiating flexibility if government officials feel increasing political pressure to take a harder line against the

As the delicate negotiations to talk North Korea out of its weapons project reach their most critical stage. South Korean officials seem almost more nervous about an anti-North outery among their own volatile populace than they are about the idea of the North Korean president, Kim II Sung, possessing The

'There are some scenarios." a South Korean official warned, "in which we could talk our way imo a

So far the biggest threat to South Korea s strategy seems to be Washington. In the last month the two step with each other in their public

Health of Mitterrand Is Found Satisfactory

PARIS - President François Mitterrand, 77, who had an operation for prostate cancer last year, is in satisfactory condition, according to a bealth bulletin issued Tuesday. It said the cancer had not progressed since the last bulletin, six

assessments of the North Korean

When Pentagon officials said that North Korean troops had concentrated enormous forces on the border, South Korean officials quickly responded that the military situation along the Demilitarized Zone had barely changed.

Fearing that the invective against Pyongyang was going too far, the Clinton administration adopted a similar line - prompting fear in Seoul that the United States might be perceived by the North as going soft at a critical

On Monday, officials here were upset again, this time because the White House chief of staff. Thomas F. (Mack) McLarty, said on a Sunday television show that if North Korea did not allow international inspectors into its nuclear sites, the United States would consider an oil embargo.

Officials here have gone to ex-traordinary lengths not to discuss specific sanctions, for fear of inciling the North.
"Everybody's out of sync." an

American diplomat here said. North Korean intentions that bas turned people like Koh Young

Hwan into oracles. Mr. Kob was a North Korean diplomat who defected two years ago and has been living in Seoul ever since. He says he used to translate for Kim Il Sung when foreign guests came to Pyongyang, which adds to his credentials as a reader

of the Great Leader's mind. The other day Mr. Koh appeared before the legislature to assert that North Korea would not attack as long as the West did not cut off its fuel, food or other vital supplies.



A CELEBRATION AND A CEASE-FIRE — Philippine marines armed with M-16 rifles equipped with grenade launchers, during celebrations in Manila on Tuesday of the 58th anniversary of the armed forces. President Fidel V. Ramos, the armed forces commander in chief, announced a 17-day unilateral truce with Communist guerrillas in a bid to get them to the negotiating table.

Kim Young Sam Names 14 New Cabinet Members

Agence France-Presse SEOUL — President Kim Young Sam on Tuesday replaced more than half of bis cabinet, including two deputy prime ministers and the defense and home affairs

A presidential spokesman said the reorganization was designed to upgrade South Korea's competitiveness in world trade. The opposition rejected that as-

sertion and said the reorganization simply reinforced the president's hold on power. "With known reformers out, reform policy is feared to recede, including on the national unification issue," an opposition spokesman said.

Transportation Minister Chung Jae Suk was given the post of depuprime minister and economic more than half the cabinet — were sive hy obstructing government replaced.

By Roger Cohen

New York Tunes Service

cultural threat from the United States inten-

sified Tuesday as the French Senate ap-

proved a law obliging radio stations to play at

least 40 percent French music and the Span-

ish parliament imposed restrictions on the

dubbing and projection of American movies.

The decisions underscored a growing senti-

ment in Europe, which became a major issue

in world trade talks concluded last week, that

Hollywood and the U.S. entertainment in-

dustry pose a threat to European culture that

must be confronted if the Continent's identi-

There is a sudden realization in Europe

ty is to be preserved.

PARIS - Europe's response to a perceived

Japan's Titanic Bureaucratic Clash

TOKYO - A quiet struggle between the new government and the mighty bureaucracy became public Tuesday when the trade minister said be would discipline a senior civil servant.

Hiroshi Kumagai, bead of the Ministry for International Trade and industry, caused a stir by dar-ing to challenge the influence of a senior official of his ministry in a country where top civil servants wield almost as much influence as

their political masters. The move was seen as a tactic by Prime Minister Moribiro Hosokawa and his coalition team to take away much of the bureaucrats' influence.

ness, Mr. Hosokawa has said be intended to loosen the grip of the bureaucracy on public life. Some observers said the current

The official is Masahisa Naito, director general of the ministry's Industrial Policy Bureau, a position that ranks just below that of vice trade minister, the highest civil service post in the ministry, Mr. Naito angered Mr. Kumagai by promoting Yasufumi Tanaha-

Mr. Kumagai himself entered politics after starting out as a trade

ister, just a week before he was due

to leave the ministry to run unsuc-

cessfully for election on the Liberal

Democratic Party ticket in July.

CLASH: Vote Boycott Is Feared

the electorate, their supporters are deeply fearful of the ANC-led co-

alition government expected to come to power next year. The breakdown of the three-way

talks in Cape Town also appears, at As part of his program for least for the time being to have changing the way Japan does busi-torpedoed a separate and seemingly more promising channel of nego-tiation that has been operating for four months between the ANC and the Afrikaner Volksfront, an umanning minister, succeeding Lee challenge could backfire if the civil brella organization of white rightist Kyung Shik. In all, 14 members - service launched a counteroffen- groups that is pressing for a separate homeland for Afrikaners.

France's New Notion of Top 40 Music: A Quota

strong in the next century, and those without

these industries will be weak," said Daniel

Toscan de Plantier, the president of Uni-

The French Senate approved a law that has already passed in the National Assembly, or

lower bouse, imposing a 40 percent quota of

French songs for radio stations, adding an

amendment that the quota should apply at

prime time. The amended legislation is ex-

pected to gain final parliamentary approval

"A 40 percent quota seems to me to be reasonable," said the French communica-

tions minister, Alain Carignon.

france, France's movie export promoter.

The two organizations invited

now that a country or continent with a strong movie and broadcasting industry will be stations, public and private, and radios that

fail to comply will face fines.

plied to radio stations.

Quotas are already applied on French tele-vision stations, where 40 percent of programs must be French and 60 percent European,

hut no such limits have previously been ap-

"This law is absurd, and I reject the idea of

quotas," said Jean-Pierre Ozannat, the gener-

al director of the private radio station Europe

1. The real problem in France is not distri-

bution, but production. Instead of applying quotas, we should encourage the production of good music. A radio station has to play

TO OUR READERS IN FRANCE

the press and the diplomatie community to a press conference in Johannesburg Tuesday morning to vitness the signing of an accord.

Given the history of enmity between Africans and Afrikaners, the mere commitment to negotiation was taken as a hopeful sign. But when the moment to sign the agreement arrived, the head of the Volksfront, the former South African defense force chief Constand Viljoen, a retired general, said he could not sign the accord because the demise of the three-way talks in Cape Town left him feeling "be-trayed" and suspicious about both the government and the ANC.

HEBRON: West Bank Tensions tense. An islamic guard, ishmael Ashlamoun, displayed a handwrit-ten log of the alleged affronts to the law of the Middle East. Here, if you don't avenge blood, you invite more blood." such as when Jews refused to leave at the appointed Only blocks away, Khaled Sulei-man, a journalist, works in a small, cold, concrete office building. He is

Israel and PLO Struggle

To Salvage Peace Pact

By William Drozdiak Washington Pass Service
PARIS — Israel and the Pales-

tine Liberation Organization strug-

gled Tuesday to break the impasse

As negotiators convened in se-

cret. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Israel voiced optimism

that "both sides believe we can

bridge the differences" following

inconclusive talks in Oslo over the weekend. A deal could clear the

way for a new meeting between Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and

the PLO chairman, Yasser Arafat, that could launch the autonomy

Mr. Peres arrived here to meet

with a Palestinian delegation head-ed by Yasser Abed Rabbo, a mem-

ber of the PLO Executive Commit-

tee and one of Mr. Arafat's closest

Continued from Page 1

known for being well informed about Hamas. He, too, says it is impossible that Jews and Arabs can exist together here. "Hamas be-

lieves we and the settlers are like

fire and water," Mr. Suleiman said.

"We cannot live together. This place, Hebron, is a time bomb. We

ie are unwelcome guests here."

has a long history of being a flash-point in the Arab-Jewish conflict.

A zealous religious leader, Rabbi

Moshe Levinger, led his followers

on a remm to Hebron. They illicit-

ly moved into the Park Hotel and

refused to leave. Later, under pressure, the government created Kin-

yat Arba nearby. But in the 1970s.

the settlers returned to the center of

Hebron and formed new settle-

67 Jews were slain.

in their historic reconciliation.

hour for Muslim prayers or when settlers roughed up Arab guards. The Jews, too, are angry about what they say are repeated attacks on them as they walk to the shrine from Kiryat Arba to pray. The settlement has grown to 6,000 people and remains a hotbed of milit where settlers exude anger and de-termination not to be pushed around by the Arabs.

can't have peace as long as settlers live among Palestinians. These peo-In Kiryat Arba and the smaller settlements in central Hebron, Jewish settlers are girding for more Today, the Jewish settlers are well entrenched in Hebron, a city of about 100,000 Palestinians that

But Educi Sprinzak, a Hebrew University professor who is Israel's foremost authority on the rise of the Jewish radical right, said the After Israel captured the West settlers are not one movement, but Bank in 1967, some Jews felt they had a biblical title to Hebron, the first capital of King David, and many wanted to resettle Jews here many different ones, and the Kach activists only a timy fraction of the 110,000 settlers in the West Bank and Gaza. He had urged Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin to crack to avenge a 1929 massacre in which down on the Kach movement.

"You have to be firm on one hand and understanding on the other," he said in an interview. "But they have been neither." In an article in the newspaper Ha aretz, Mr. Sprinzak asked, "What has to happen for them to act against the Jewish terrorists?

ments and religious schools: Students walk the streets with a backpack over one shoulder, a rifle Pope Is to Visit on the other. The two populations are so tense and tightly mixed that the idea of peaceful separation

On a rooftop, an Arab boy shouted in Hebrew, "The people of Palestine live!" A soldier below shrugged. "I can't wan for the peace," he said.

Rabbi Levinger and his followers also sought to re-establish a Jewish presence at the Cave of the Patriarchs, the burial place of Abraham, Issac, Jacob and their wives, a site revered by Jews, Muslims and Christians. After the 1967 war, the lewish settlers pressed Israeli anthorities for expanded privileges at

the tombs, which in recent generations had been a mosque. The site remains a battleground between Jews and Arabs: Israeli soldiers guard the ramparts and visitors walk through metal detec-

Beirut in Spring

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II said Tuesday he would visit Lebanon in the spring and hoped also to visit the Holy Land.

John Paul announced his travel plans in a year-end message to the cardinals.

He said he wanted to make another trip to the Middle East to visit the main sites linked to the Christian faith, which would take . him to Israel.

The trip to Lebanon had already been reported by Lebanese officials. and has been months in the planning stages with the return of relative calm following the Lebanese

Civil war.

New U.S. Envoy in Poland

The Associated Press WARSAW - Nicholas A. Rey, the new U.S. ambassador to Poland, presented his credentials to President Lech Walesa at the Belwedere Palace on Tuesday. Mr. Rev. 55, is a Democrat and a bank-

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A Cult Opera That Succeeds At the Bastille

By David Stevens ztional Flerold Tribune

ARIS — The Paris Opéra. which should be trying to construct a repertory of durable values instead of ng in fleeting titillations, is ng a strange season that inno Verdi whatsoever, but nion of Francesco Cilea's "Adriana Lecouvreur."

ris seems unbalanced, or even us, it is not that Cilea's one sful opera does not have its Since its premiere in Milan ! (the 29-year-old Caruso tenor), "Adriana" has been we by sopranos drawn to the its melodic appeal and hisropportunities

become a kind of cult

ne with a certain audience,

ost certain success with the is long as one of the high ies of this cult is east in the t and paired with a strong Soprano. In recent history, La Tebaldi with her opulent son and Magda Olivero with "Conspecial brand of vocal emoting." The made it a specialty. At the statille it is Mirella Freni in the itle role and Alexandrina Miltheva as her mezzo nemesis who upply the essential conflict.

The story is a real one, or as close historically authentic as opera ets. Adrienne Lecouvreur was an ctress at the Comédie Française in he early 1700s, and a lover of Maubice de Saxe, the future French narshal. She died mysteriously in

bones Scribe and Legouvé concocted a drama whose title role proved irresistible to Rachel, Bernhardt and Duse, among others, and pro-vided the composer with his book.

est - six works in all, only four produced professionally, and when has just introduced its first he died in 1950 at 84, he had written nothing for the stage in 40 years. But he was a composer of charm and craftsmanship, general-ly pegged as a soft-edged example of the verismo school. He had a knack for finding attractive melodies, and a reluctance to let go of them. For a conductor willing to bring it out, the orchestral score is an effective mosaic, evoking the flavor of backstage theater and aristocratic salons. To compensate for a score of little dramatic propulsion, he offers roles - mainly for the two women rivals - rich in possibilities for dramatic power, Freni and Miltcheva are well

matched in their strong confronta-tions, going right to the emoting edge while resisting the temptation to go over the top, or perhaps being restrained by the nicely balanced staging of Jean-Luc Boutté, veteran actor and director of the Comedie Française. They rightly collected the major share of the prolonged ovations after the final curtain.

For Freni, the role is vocally grateful at this stage in her career. It is almost 40 years since she began as a light lyric soprano — a Micaela, Zerlina and Nanetta - yet 730, aged 38, rumored to have she has survived heavy duty Verdi-teen poisoned by a rival in love, the an assignments like Aida essential-juchesse de Bouillon (promoted to ly intact. She sang her two famous Touchesse de Bouillon (promoted to an assignment in the sang her two famous by intact. She sang her two famous by intact. She sang her two famous arise with appealing lyricism, in actress is said to have insulted in a curtain death scene, "Poveri final curtain death scene, "Poveri

Mirella Freni and Peter Dvorsky in Francesco Cilea's "Adriana Lecouvreur."

curse off the silly plot — she sup-posedly is killed by poisoned flowers sent by you know whom.

Peter Dvorsky is a solid, strong-voiced lyric tenor, but he was stolid rather than dashing as the future Marechal de Saxe, and furthermore was encumbered with an inelegant costume, Jean-Luc Chaignaud was a moving if somewhat too youthful

Bouillon and Ricardo Cassinelli as the disagreeable Abbé de Chazenil provided solid support. Maurizio Benini conducted with energy and solicitude for his singers.

Louis Bercut's set was simple and open, a parquetry platform with partial boiserie walls to mark a moving if somewhat too youthful the interiors, and trees to give an Bartille: Dec. Michonner, the theater director indoor-outdoor effect in a couple 10, 13 and 15.

fiori," with a restraint that took the vainly in love with Adriana. Fran- of scenes. His opulent costumes curse off the silly plot — she sup- giskos Vousinos as the Prince de provided the period effect.

Caroline Marcade's Act 3 ballet, a jokey parody of the myth of Paris and Aphrodite, only succeeded in irritating the public. It probably was a lost cause when the golden apple was fumbled early on and rolled into the orchestra pit.

"Adriana Lecouvreur," Opéra Bastille: Dec. 22, 27, 30, Jan. 3, 6,

cate, requiring exact coordination.
As luck would have it, this pas-

sage (from Sieglinde's re-entry at "Schläfst Du, Gast?" to the end of

the act) was where Barenboim

chose to do the wildest experimen-

tation with dynamics and tempos.

He hushed up the strings to bring

out a woodwind accompanimen

Rock Nostalgia at CBGB

celebrate this

seedy N.Y. club.

By John Rockwell New York Times Service

EW YORK - Scenes blossom and wither. stride forward and then stumble, and you never know for sme how real they are great music objectively reported - or how much they are the product of scene members' subjec-

CBGB, which is celebrating its 20th anniversary this month, was a true scene in the mid-1970s, with all the sweaty interaction that that long and narrow club

Just going to the bathroom, down long and dingy the spiritual grandchildren of the Velvet Underground stairs behind the stage to the left, was an invitation to encounter ev-cry sort of downtown denizen and substance consumption known to . Twenty years later, man (and woman) at the time. there are reasons to

Musicians mingled with grouples and fans and one another, writers schmoozed with each other and with musicians; fights broke out and friendships formed.

Rock 'n' roll nostalgia can seem

lame to younger folk, caught up in their own bands and scenes and testily impatient when some codger starts reminiscing about the good old

One reason to celebrate CBGB (or, as we all used to call it for no good reason, CBGB's) is that its founder and owner, Hilly Kristal, has never allowed it to fall

He has always kept the doors of this seedy, sometimes sad but always welcoming dive at the corner of the Bowery and Bleecker Street open to new bands. And while some of his side ventures (a theater, a record store) have gone off the rails, and not every band was great, the sense of youthful vitality has been

But the time that I was a regular visitor to CBGB (the initials, improbably, stand for "country, bluegrass

and blues") was near its beginnings, from 1975 through 1977, when its first great scene was flourishing and when I, then the chief rock critic of The New York

Times, was there to write about it. If all scenes have a whiff of subjectivity, a subtextral sense that they are the artificial product of com-munal hype, at the time we all felt that this one was real. And we have the records and CD remasterings to

I still think a lot of mainstream 1970s pop-rock was not as dreadful as pop-crit cant would now have us

But downtown New York rockers of the mid-70s and children of the New York

Dolls, were convinced that they were fighting the good fight against connectial musical drivel.

And in fighting that fight, they gave birth to English punk and all the forms of American alternative rock that thrive up to the present. From the late 1970s on, there was punk and hardcore and all the vari-cties of alternative rock that now

flourish. Although it had really ended three or four years before, for me the mid-70s scene came to a close in 1982, at the memorial service/wake/rave-up for the writer and musician Lester Bangs, who had died in May of that year.

It was like a premature college reunion of everyone - musicians, writers, hangers on, actual people - who had made the original scene what it was.

There was music that night, but what I remember was community. Whether Lester, crusty and cranky and immune to nostalgic wallowing, would have appreciated the emotion, I cannot say,

time and a place that transcended mere nostalgia and elevated CBGB into rock 'n' roll history.

The supporting cast is never less than adequate, but never a lot more

than that either: we have mysteri-

.Dawn French and Jennifer

Sannders have achieved considerable local television success as a

they are certainly not helped to-

ward that goal by "Me and Mamie O'Rounke," a dire American come-

dy at the Strand which looks like

nothing so much as an overwrought

pilot for a California television se-

ries which mercifully never got

Written by Mary Agnes Don-

oghne, who since the movie "Beaches" has been specializing in

middle-aged female bonding

LONDON THEATER

Piaf': A Star Is Reborn

By Sheridan Morley International Revald Tribune

ONDON — It is perhaps debatable whether the di-rector Peter Hall should engineer a nightly standing ovation for the Paige as "Piat" (Piccadilly) by having the supporting cast stand around to appland her as she makes her final

What is beyond debate, however, is that this is one of the great star mms of the year, if not the decade. Hall and Paige have taken the frag-ile 15-year-old scrapbook of a play by Pam Gems and turned it into a breathtaking musical triumph by the simple device of focusing on the songs rather than the dialogue.

The original Howard Davies roduction, an admirable Royal Shakespeare Company effort led by Jane Lapotaire, was inevitably limited by the fact that its star was an actress and not a great solosinger. Paige, by simply steeping herself in the old Pial recordings and then redelivering them with stunning accuracy and power, achieves a dramatic concert intermoted by fragments of biography.

But this was never a great play: Gems chose to tell the story of the little sparrow as a series of blackout sketches in minimal detail. Her must indeed be the only one-wom- seems a certain vague

Baker, "they couldn't print enough sex without which "Macbeth" as a money for the way we feel," and play or as a man cannot truly funcmoney for the way we feel," and play or as a man cannot truly func-those of us lucky enough to have tion.

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seen her in person at the Olympia in Paris have always felt the same:

onely been transported back not to 11th century Scotland but to the 1956 Old Vic. Adrian Noble's admirable RSC policy of bringing the big stars back to Shakespeare (this year alone has seen the Branagh "Hamlet," the Robert Stephens "Lear" and the Alec McCowen "Prosdouble act, but they have yet to make it in the straight theater and pero") now goes somewhat adult with his Derek Jacobi "Macheth" at the Barbican. The production itself has a kind of brisk, crisp efficiency — though as we get to the killing of Lady Macdulf without any interval, it is debatable whether we need one at all - but the central casting presents an insuper-

Jacobi is samply not a warrior. King of Scotland: our greatest po-ctic actor since Gielgnd has real trouble, as did Sir John, with the physicality of the role and seems by the final duel to have grown suicidal enough to fall on Macduff's sword. The alternative might have been for them to go off together and run a really good country-house hotel, leaving Malcolm in charge of the nation, for this is the most gentle of productions unless you count the battering of Macduff's baby's head in a rare moment of horror.

Noble has the witches view the "Piaf" is constantly in the ring, action from a stage lift, while Ja-shugging it out against friends and cobi, the most noble and reluctant managers and lovers, all of whom of hellhounds, keeps his careful discome to bear a remarkable resem-blance to each other since none of Imelda Marcos of a Lady Macbeth them is adequately delineated. This in a series of designer gowns. There an show with a complete cast of when and precisely where this other male and female characters, "Macbeth" is all happening, and in none of whom are we asked to wherever it is you feel that the centake any but the most fleeting inter- tral figure would rather be some-But when she sings, "Piat" soars:

But when she sings, "Piat" soars:

distance, and there is never any
sense of the danger or mystery or

screenplays, this one concerns two bosom buddies, one unaccountably married to a kind of anti-architect who persists in demolishing rather than building their Los Angeles hillside home. Saunders plays this role with a kind of wan charm, while French bustles around as her overweight

pal. Both appear to have drifted onto the set from one of those daytime television chat shows where selves to the prurient. Not a happy

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Valkyries in a Neon Cage in Berlin's 'Ring'

By James Helme Sutcliffe

ERLIN - Whether it was wise for the last Bayreuth team of Daniel Bar-Hans Schavernoch and Reinhard Heinrich - wbose "Ring der Niebelungen" followed Peter Hall's illfated approach to the cycle seven years ago - to attempt a new version of the four-opera work so soon at the Berlin Staatsoper, remains to

CHINA: The Next Econom-

By William H. Overholt, 293

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Reviewed by George Hicks

WHAT is the explanation of

acle that appears to be propelling China to superpower status at re-markably high speed? William H.

Overholt, managing director of an American bank in Hong Kong, ar-

gues that in contrast to Russia and

the countries of Eastern Europe,

pushed economie reform while re-

taining political control and stabil-

hina's Communist leaders wisely

port his reform plans.

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ic Superpower

Walküre," did not look exactly like the floor, squatting, crouching, grotesque for the warrior maidens its Bayreuth version, but closer excreeping on all fours. At one point, as they all wear the white lions' manes and red eye makeup familiar ideas are very similar - a sort of neon cage in which the trapped participants of the "Ring" story act out their fates (in Bayreuth it was an eternal road in a world de-stroyed by mankind's greed for power and wealth).

Kupfer's violent, often debasing stage action for Acts 2 and 3 has been substantially retained. As there is nothing to sit on, the gods and their family members flop onto negligees on. This is particularly

hilde 10 paces across the stage between his less for no apparent rea-As in Bayreuth, the scaringly

strong lighting is from both sides, giving the singers seemingly crossed eyes and shadows down the front of their faces. The cut of the costumes is the same, but in Berlin the gods and

Valkyrieslook as if they all have

manes and red eye makeup familiar to us from Kabuki theater, no doubt a very early form of cultural

Act I is, however, completely different, for the huge coal-textured trunk of a tree lies diagonally across the stage requiring some fleet-footed climbing from the singers. Here it was that the new production revealed its soft underbelly, for the aerobic, even calisthenic mating postures given to

days traveling around southern and Eric Halfvarson's anspecious Guangdong once again, marveling debut as a true bass Hunding. That that "mile after mile, in all direction is the role John Tomlinson should

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800 bookstores throughout the United States.

The economy was progressively deregulated and market-oriented reforms introduced according to a logical, long-term plan starting with the agricultural sector. Much 1 SLOW WALTZ IN CEDAR BEND, by Robert James Walof the credit goes to Deng Xiao-ping, who unlike the former Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, got his priorities right and skillfully built THE BRIDGES OF MADI-SON COUNTY, by Robert NIGHTMARES & DREAMS CAPES by Stephen King 4 WITHOUT REMORSE, by up a coalition of interests to sup-5 THE HOPE by Herman Woulk
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Overholt asserts that China is following the path of Taiwan and South Korea to political pluralism and democracy. Although he is op-timistic about the eventual outcome - a China that is a prosperous and peace-loving economic superpower - he concedes that the course followed will have twists and turns, and could even go horri-bly awry. In particular, he says that the government has made a mistake by encouraging virtually everyone from the military to schoolteachers to make money through private business. Another adverse trend is the collapse of tax revenues that have starved the central government of funds.

The overall tone and content of the book is unabashedly pro-Beij-ing. Overholt fails to condemn the rathless and bloody suppression of the pro-democracy movement in China in 1989. He heaps praise on Deng as someone who has "done more to alleviate world poverty than any other man in world history. Overholt is a full-blooded Western devotee of China. The 1980s was a decade of critical books about the

country written by journalists who had served time in Beijing. One has to go back to John Fairbank in 1972. The Maoist revolution is on the whole the best thing that happened to the Chinese people in centuries"

to match Overholt's enthusiasm. Simone de Beauvoir in 1958 wrote in a similar vein that China was a nation "where the government pays the people's way through school, where generals and statesmen are scholars and poets."

of where their bread is buttered, at least they preserve a modicum of Hong Kong is subject to a long one-sided attack in the book. This criticism is hetter written but otherwise unchanged from Beijing's offi-

Overholt goes further than the opment and business profits should been swept off his feet by the China usual pro-Benjing line taken by always take precedence over per-Hong Kong big business and China sonal freedom. Self-determination chapter of his book, he spent three traders. While they never lose sight is not a word in his vocabulary. The micism. Current British policy on ers in Beiji

Overholt's book elevates the no-tion that stability, economic devel-

people of Tibet, Hong Kong and Taiwan should all bow to their rulrs in Beijing. The idea that capital, investment and trade flooding into China as it opens to the outside world will dis-

solve the tyrannical heritage of the country's past carries economic de-

tions, one just sees construction."
This, he entimees, is "the moment of

country's past carries economic de-crminism [ar beyond that of Marx. Like many others, Overholl has

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pattern (the opera house's already dry acoustics made even drier by a black cloth mask surrounding the proscenium), interrupting the natural flow of the music so that the singers did not know where they were and stared at him constantly instead of singing and acting. HERE was some fine singing, though, from the lighter, lyric Segmand of

Poul Elming through Waltraud Meier's mezzo Sieglinde actually be singing, but as Wotan he has learned to cope with the rejuvenation for history's most populous nation.

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In the populous price of several rejuvenation passages by crooning, and very well too. Uta Priev made a voluptuous Fricka. Deborah Polaski has likewise learned to cope with unruly registers in her exciting voice, no longer backing away from high notes. She is always the committed, exciting actress, as her Britanhilde showed.

Making her smear Siegmund's face with cold cream, turning him into a clown during the most serious moment of the opera. "Death's announcement" in Act 2, was just one more of Kupfer's questionable, gratuitous effects, but he is enough of a theater man to make the neces-

sary changes.
"Die Walkure" plays on Wednesday and again on Dec. 29, returning to the repertoire in March 1994.

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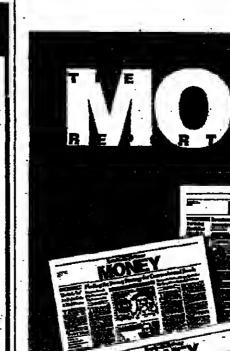
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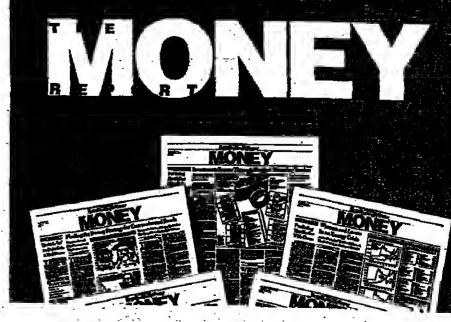
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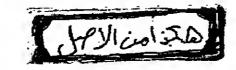
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Gore Vows Easy Access To U.S. Data Highway

WASHINGTON - Vice President Al Gore said Tuesday that the administration would propose leg-islation to ensure all Americans have access to a national information network that is taking shape and that harriers to competition be removed between all communications companies.

The fine points must be worked out, but Mr. Gore said the White House supports eventual removal of judicial and legislative restrictions on all telecommunications companies, including cable, telephone, utilities, television and satellite.

He said the White House was interested in encouraging private investment, promoting competi-tion and ensuring that everyone had access to the network.

He said he would give more details of the White House's legislative package at in a speech in Los Angeles on Jan 11.

Mr. Gore noted Congress was already working on several bills ad-dressing telecommunications con-

The government is faced with regplating a world of telecommunications that has not yet taken shape. phone, cable television and computer companies are occurring rapidly as corporations gather the expertise and technology they need to give consumers interactive television. picture telephones and computer systems that provide access to the major data centers of the world.

Government officials have said the court agreement that broke up American Telephone & Telegraph Co. 10 years ago was too restrictive in the rapidly changing media envi-

One official said the Communications Act of 1934 was outdated. The fundamental switch is from scarcity to plenty," the official said. In 1934, the government needed to protect the scarce public airwaves from being dominated by a single voice. Now, digital technology has dramatically expanded the capacity of the airwaves for competing wireless communications devices.

'God of Quality Control' The Man Who Taught Japan to Produce

TOKYO - ft was 1950, when Hajime Karatsu was still a young engineer at the phooe company and Japanese products were famed for being cheap and shoddy, that he went to hear W. Edwards Deming lecture about quality cootrol.

"The usual statistician writes all kinds of formu las on the hlackboard and no one understands," recalled Mr. Karatsu, 74, oow a professor of engineering at Tokai University.

"Mr. Deming brought all kinds of toys and tools and spread them out on the table, explaining if you do this, it works like this. Everyone really under-

stood what he was saying."
Within a year, dozens of Japanese companies

within a year, dozens of the man who became revered as the "god of quality control."

A Deming Prize for quality control was established, and the companies that won it — such as Toyota and Toshiba — stand as a testament to the ideas of the statistician, who died Monday at 93.

"Before World War II, Japanese products were cheap and bad," explained Junji Noguchi, managing director of the Union of Japanese Scientists and Engineers, which awards the Deming Prize. "But after the war we realized that if we didn't have high-quality products we wouldn't be able to export, and Japan wouldn't recover."

"So you had enormous interest in quality," said Mr. Noguchi, 66, a friend of Mr. Deming's since 1952. He added that when people heard about the new method, they "immediately applied it."

Mr. Deming, who served as a U.S. government statistician before and during World War II,

taught Japanese how to use statistical methods to discover the cause of product defects, instead of relying only on inspections. And he preached that all workers, not just management, should be committed to improving quality.

Many Japanese noted the irony that Mr. Dem-

ing received such immediate acceptance in Japan

cades. It was only in the 1980s, they remembered with a touch of pride, that the Japanese economic miracle encouraged American companies such as Ford to call Mr. Deming out of retirement as a management consultant.

Mr. Deming's first visit to Japan, in 1947, was not as a quality-control specialist but as a statisti-

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Junji Noguchi, a scientist

cal adviser to the American occupation forces. But even then, his friends said, Mr. Deming had a sense of mission about making Japanese industry strong. "He said to me, "Young man, have you ever heard of statistical quality coortol?" recalled Masao Goto, 80, who said he was the first Japanese person Mr. Deming ever met.

He replied that he knew the idea only vaguely.

"Well," Mr. Deming said, "from now on it will be very important for Japan."

"It made quite an impression," Mr. Goto said nearly 47 years later. "Little did I imagine that this

would be the man who would make such a contribution to Japanese quality."

An obituary appears on Page 3.

Dollar Reaches 111 Yen as U.S. **Shifts Focus**

NEW YORK — The dollar rose above 111 yen Tuesday, even though Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said the U.S. government still wanted its trade deficit with Japan to take further action, such Japan to take action to the properties and the Japan to take action to the properties and the Japan to take action to the properties and the Japan to take action to the properties and the Japan to take further action to the Japan to take further act Japan to shrink.

The dollar fell immediately after Mr. Bentsen's remarks, which came in an interview on television. But it recovered later and was quoted in late trading at 111.12 yen, up from 110.60 yen at Monday's close and its highest in more than six months.

President Bill Clinton's administration helped bring about a rally in the yen early this year when offi-cials said they wanted the yen's value to rise to help shrink the U.S.

But Mr. Bentsen on Tuesday, when asked about the U.S. attitude to the dnllar's current rebound against the yen, said, "I don't see us doing an intervention."

Instead, he said, he expected investors and currency dealers to be looking at the trade balance between the United States and Japan for chies to the two currencies' fu-

in a report last week, the Commerce Department said the U.S. trade deficit with Japan had widened 14 percent in October, to \$6.09 billioo. A weaker dollar would tend to shrink that imbal-ance by making U.S. goods cheaper

as cutting income taxes, to stimulate its economic growth so that Japanese coosumers could huy more American goods.

He said Japan's economy must achieve "significant growth" because its weakness "hurts us in selling exports."

Japan also must take further steps to open its markets to foreign goods. Mr. Bentsen said. His comments come as Trade Representative Mickey Kantor of the United States is pressing Japan to change its trade policies and open its markets.

Assessing the currency market's reaction, Frank Pusateri, a dealer at First National Bank of Boston. said: "What we have got on the yen is a classic example of all-around poor fundamentals, technically, economically and politically. In addition, the Bank of Japan is probably going to have to cut the Japanese discount rate again to boost

the economy. The discount rate, the central bank's rate on loans to commercial banks, is already at a historic low of 1.75 percent

Mr. Pusateri, ooting that the re-See DOLLAR, Page 10

Wary of Unrest, China Sets Prices of Basics Again

BELJING - Chinese authorities are reinstituting price controls ou grain and other staple foods after rumors of shortages led to sharp price increases, official ocwspapers announced Tuesday.

The move comes just seven months after the government lifted a 40-year grain-rationing and price-control system as part of its efforts to build a market economy. It reflects the Communist government's

suspicion of a free-price system and its acute sensitivity to anything that might trigger popular discontent and social unrest.

Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989 — the last time that China's economy overheated. Chinese leaders are determined now to bring the current economic boom to a "soft landing."

So far, however, two consecutive years of 13 percent economic growth show no signs of

With the economy caught in the transition riod between socialism and market-style freedom, the fast growth is causing disloca-

tions and bottlenecks. Deputy Prime Minister Zhu Rongji, re-

ing selling state reserves of grain and lower-

ing the prices in state-owned shops.

The Xinhua press agency quoted Mr. Zhu as saying that price stability was essential for the government to carry out a series of important market-reform measures next year, including reorganizing the banking and cur-

The newspaper China Daily said the city government agreed on the move in an emergency meeting on Saturday after the prices of

dles, for example, went from 2 yuan a kilo-gram (16 cents per pound) to 2.6 yuan, Peanut oil rose from 5.8 yuan a kilogram to 8 yuan. A check of state stores and private markets showed most were adhering to the oew limits, which still were slightly higher than be-fore last week's sharp climb.

Mr. Zhu said this year's grain harvest was However, Beijing city officials took more drastic measures than Mr. Zhu outlined, reignres. The government had said previously imposing price controls on 27 food items. 440 million tons reaped last year.

Inflatioo has been running at an annual rate of more than 20 percent in major cities Runaway inflation was one of the causes garded as a reformer, announced a series of the pro-democracy demonstrations in indirect moves to lower grain prices, includ
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Now, Keaders Talk Back to Editors

By Deirdre Carmody ...

New York Times Service EW YORK - Ever on the lookout for new readers, the magazine industry seems to have hit paydirt. It has discovered electron publishing. Almost 100 magazines have signed up with on-line computer services in the last six months and others are joining at the rate of two or three a week.

At the same time, the availability of on-line

magazines does not seem to be harting traditional subscriptions and newsstand sales.

worst subscriptions and newspand sales.

"Very few people read text on-line; it's not that much fun," said Jonathan Bolkeley, general manager for media at America Online, one of the leading electronic publishing services.

The real popularity of electronic magazines, in fact, has little to do with reading and everything to do with talking. Subscribers to on-line services are conversing electronically with magazines ranging from Time to Con-sumer Reports and Disney Adventures. Many users are offering gripes, praise and advice to editors and writers. Others are scan-

ning electronic bulletin boards for magazine-sponsored discussion sessions, in which they direct questions to everyone from the Rever-end Billy Graham to Vice President Al Gore.

end Billy Graham to Vice President Al Gore.
They are also participating in on-line forms, argaing venemently about ethics and violence and politics.
"It is like a gold rush," said James Gleick, founder of the Pipeline, a New York-based link to the Internet, a global computer network. "Everybody is suddenly realizing that this world exists and that it is filled with interesting, intelligent, text-oriented people—and suddenly everyone wants to be there."

All it raises is a computer, a modern and a All it takes is a computer, a modern and a

telephone line. The three major on-line services — Prodigy Services Co., with 2 million members; Composerve, with 1.5 million, and America Online Inc., with 500,000 — charge less than \$15 a month for basic service with

some additional fees for extras.

The cost to publishers is scant. They are responsible for supplying text, making editors available at specified times for on-line discussions and publishing promotional materials in their magazines encouraging readers to sign up for the services.

In return, publishers get a fee every time

On-line services let subscribers converse electronically with magazines from Time to Disney Adventures.

users call up their magazines electronically or participate in one of their events.

For a magazine, of course, the biggest ben-efit may be the potential new audience.

We are not interested in duplicating what

is in the magazine per se. What really drew us is the interactivity," said Kimberly Smith Jensen, senior vice president of The Atlantic Monthly, which signed up with America Online last month.

She said magazine executives were "over-whelmed" by the responses, inincluding hun-dreds of electronic letters and messages. reds of electronic letters and messages.

James Fallows, the Washington editor of

much quicker than the usual form of letters to the editor, more participatory," he said. Philip Elmer-DeWitt, an associate editor at

Time magazine, said that since Time Online began in September, users have called it up an average of 50,000 to 60,000 times a week. When Kurt Andersen, an editor at large at the magazine, went ou-line to talk about his cover article on radio personalities Rush Limbaugh and Howard Stean, 114 users

signed up for a lively session.

After U.S. News & World Report made its debut on Compuserve on Nov. 29, users called up the magazine's text, graphics and photographs more than 90,000 times in 13 days.

Jeffrey Dearth, president of The New Republic, said that when his magazine went on-

line in November 1992, an electronic offer for subscriptions drew about 300 responses. So Mr. Dearth organized the Electronic Newsstand on the Internet in July with 10 magazines, including The New Yorker, The Economist, National Review and Eating Well. More than 60 magazines have signed up, and Internet users worldwide are using the service an average of 20,000 times a day. "We are definitely selling magazines," be said.

Time and U.S. News offer full electronic

taxts before the printed magazines are available on newsstands. Disney Adventures does them one better and puts its text on-line a week ahead of time "to give the kids a feeling that they are part of this special little club." Tommi Lewis, editor in chief, said.

Another approach is taken by Omni, a monthly science magazine, which puts a sam-pler of its articles on-line the day it hits the James Pallows, the Washington editor of newsstands. But it does not make the full text The Atlantic Monthly, said he exchanges available electronically until the day the magdozens of letters with readers each day. "It's azine comes off the stands.

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Compiled by Our Yraff From Dispatches NEW YORK - Stocks slid on the New York Stock Exchange Tuesday as weak bond prices and profit-taking pressured the market

for the second straight day. The Dow Jones industrial average, which inched up 3.64 points'
Monday, was down 10.06 points, to

Big losses in a number of Dow components, including Minnesota

N.Y. Stocks

Mining & Manufacturing, which fell 2% to 109%; Alcoa, which tumbled 1% to 68%; and J. P. Morgan, which sank 11/4 to 711/4, dragged the key barometer deeper into negative

territory.
In addition, shares of retailers, led by Sears Roebuck, were burn by forecasts that they would report lower-than-expected holiday sales. December sales are projected to fall 1.7 percent from November based on sales for the first three weeks of the month, according to a survey by Johnsoo Redbook Service.

Sears declined 114 to 53%. Tiffany fell 11/2 to 361/4 after Dean Witter cut the investment rating to "swap"

pany said weak holiday sales will drag down fiscal 1994 earnings. Meantime, speculation increased that the Federal Reserve Board may soon boost money-market

rates to keep inflation subdued. The yield on the bellwether 30year Treasury rose to 6.32 percent. from 6.29 percent Mooday.

Dennis Jarrett, chief market strategist at Kidder Peabody & Co., said the market was encoun tering "a little bit profit taking, but I doo't see any abnormal pressure." He said he expected the market

to have "a little bit of upward bias for the rest of the year, particularly next week. The last week of the year is particularly strong for stocks because of the January effect," The so-called January effect refers to the investors' practice of buying back stocks that have been discarded at the end of the year. Borden paced the Big Board ac tives, rising 1/2 to 19% on a published

American conglomerate, was con-sidering an offer for Borden. In over-the-counter trading, Intel shares rose 1 to 591/2 after the chip maker said it expected to slash prices on its Peotium and 486 chips from "peutral." Ross Stores as much as 18 percent in the second

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The dollar weakcoed against other major curreocies. It was quoted at 1,7070 Deutsche marks. off from 1.7129 DM Monday, at 1,4485 Swiss francs, compared with

Foreign Exchange 1.4580 francs, and 5.8115 French francs, down from 5,8380. The pound rose to \$1,4885 from \$1,4865.

Both the yen and Japanese stocks in Tokyo were lower after Finance Minister Hirohisa Fujii said the government was not preparing any measures to revive the economy. The remark contradicted a report in the Nihon Keizai newspaper that such measures would be

unveiled this week. "People are questioning the Japanese government's ability to spur economic growth." Amy Smith, currency-market strategist at the consulting firm IDEA, said. The longer the government waits to announce a new economic-stimulus package, the more pressure there is on the Bank of Japan to cut interest

rates, she said. Lower interest rates would burt the yen by making it even less profcies of countries with higher rates. The Japanese discount rate of 1.75

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percent compares with 3 percent in the United States and 5.75 percent

in Germany. Signs that Prime Minister Mori-hiro Hosokawa may be losing sup-port within his seven-party coalition have belped drive the year down 3.5 percent against the dollar since Dec. 7. Without such support. it will be difficult for Mr. Hosokawa to implement aoother

spending package. Mr. Hosokawa's government an-nounced oo Sept. 16 it would spend 6.2 trillion yen (\$56.06 billion) to spur the Japanese economy. Five days later, the Bank of Japan cut its discount rate three-quarters of a point, to its current level, But the Japanese economy has remained

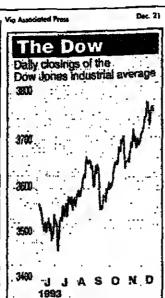
sluggish.
The Japanese economy is in bad shape." said John Hardy, managing director at lotercap investments, which runs a currency-trad-ing fund. The only thing supporting the yen is Japan's trade surplus, and even that is starting to

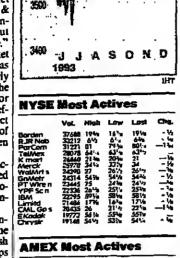
shrink." Japan's merchandise trade surplus narrowed 2.2 percent in November, to \$7.40 billion, despite the widening of the surplus with the United States.

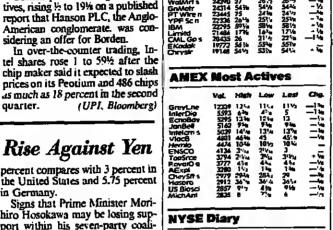
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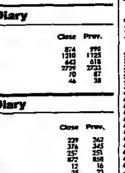
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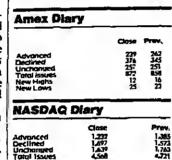
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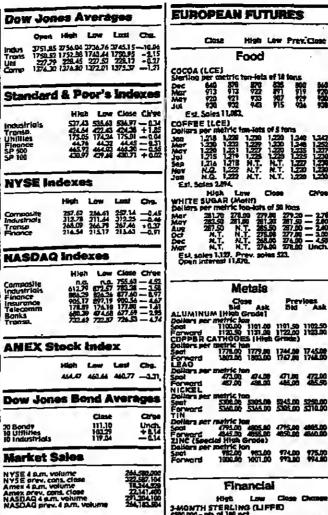


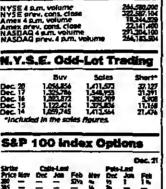














Daimler-Benz Payout Unsure

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STUTTGART — Daimler-Benz AG cannot guarantee it will maintain its 1993 dividend at 1992's level of 13 Deutsche marks (\$7.59) despite having sufficient reserves to do so, a company spokesman said on Tuesday. The spokesman was clarifying remarks Monday by Chairman Edzard Reuter, who said the company had "the reserves necessary" to pay "a' dividend at last year's level."

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Businesses Plan More Investment

WASHINGTON (AP) - American businesses plan to increase investment in new buildings and equipment by 5.4 percent next year after a 7 percent next year, the government said Tuesday.

Based on survey responses from more than 7,800 businesses in October and November, the Commerce Department estimated investment spending plans next year at \$617 billion, up from \$585 billion this year.

McDonnell to Take a Big Charge

CHICAGO (Reuters) - McDonnell Douglas Corp. said Tuesday that it would take a fourth-quarter charge to preiax earnings of about \$450 million related to its C-17 settlement proposal with the government. "The number is in line with what the company has been telegraphing, but there may be some disappointment that McDonnell wasn't able to work out an even better deal," said Jerry Cantwell of Lionheart Research. McDonnell Douglas stock fell \$3.125, closing at \$106.375.

Shares of QVC and Paramount Fall

NEW YORK (Combined Dispatches) - QVC Network Inc.'s stock slumped Tuesday as the company appeared close to owning Paramount Communications Inc. Paramount's also feil, as investors apparently considered QVCs latest bid disappointingly low.

QVC, a home-shopping-network operator, said late Monday that it had raised its bid and had been told by Paramount that its new offer was higher than one from Viscoun line. A suckerness for Paramount declined to

raised its bid and had been told by Paramount that its new other was higher than one from Viacom Inc. A spokesman for Paramount declined to confirm that, but the report helped send QVC stock down, reflecting a belief in the market that from QVCs point of view, the bidding was dangerously high. It fell \$1.50, to close at \$42, in over-the-counter trading. Viacom Class A stock rose 62.5 cents, to \$49.875, on the American Stock Exchange, and Paramount lost \$1.75, to \$80.25, on the New York Stock Exchange.

IBM Names Chief of PC Company

ARMONK, New York (Bloomberg) — International Business Machines Corp. on Tuesday named G. Richard Thoman, a former executive with RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp., senior vice president and group executive responsible for IBM Personal Computer Co.

Mr. Thoman, 49, also will be the executive responsible for IBM Power Personal Systems Division; Pennant Systems printers, a joint venture with Hitachi Lad.; and Prodigy Services Co., the electronic-mail joint venture with Sears, Roebuck & Co.

SCI Buying Hewlett Plant in France

HUNTSVILLE, Alabama (Reuters) — SCI Systems Inc. said Tuesday that it had a preliminary agreement to acquire Hewlett-Packard France's plant in Grenoble that makes electronic assemblies for several of Hewlett-Packard's operations in Europe. Terms were not disclosed.

SCI said a substantial portion of the plant's business would continue

Packard Bell Sees 35% Rise in Sales

CHATSWORTH, California (Bloomberg) — Packard Bell Electronics Inc., 20 percent owned by France's Groupe Bull, reported provisionally Tuesday a 35 percent increase in revenue for 1993, to \$1.25 billion.

A spokesman for the closely held maker of personal computers said
1994 revenue was expected to nearly double, to \$2.3 billion.

For the Record

American Cyanamid Co. is acquiring most of Shell Petroleum Co.'s crop-protection operation for an antisciosed price. (Bloomberg) The Philadelphia Stock Exchange's board rejected a revised merger proposal from the Chicago Board Options Exchange. Knight-Ridder Inc. said it bought Spain's screen based financial news service, EFECOM, for an undisclosed sum. (AP) Home Shopping Network Inc. and Tele-Communications Inc. agreed to form a global venture, Home Shopping Network International. (AFX)

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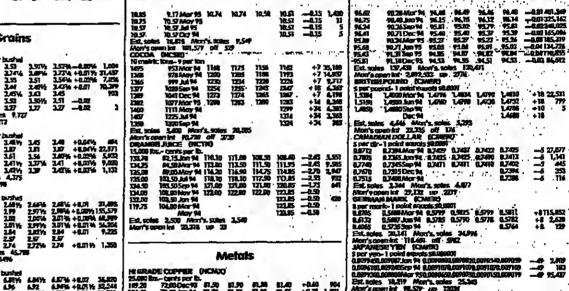
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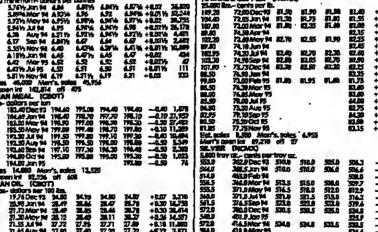
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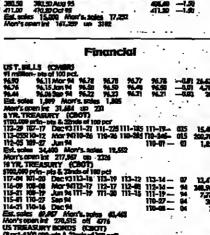
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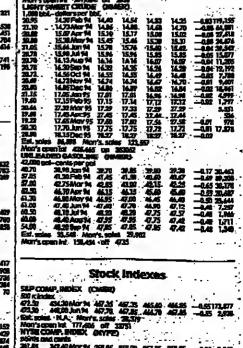


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EC Sets Limits For Dublin Aid To Aer Lingus

permitted to accept 175 million punts (\$247.0 million) from its only shareholder, the Irish government, it may not use those funds to increase capacity, or the number of seats it files on certain routes.

Michael Bishop, chairman of British Midland, whose airline competes with Aer Lingus, said: "We asked the EC to apply conditions to prevent the new state and equity from being used for purposes other than the specific financial restructuring of the airline. If it becomes clear this is not the case, tions to prevent the new state aid

we will consider legal action." Mr. Bishop had threatened earlier to sue the Community if it did not uphold its mandate to keep competition fair by restricting state aid to carriers. He expressed concern at the absence of specific conditions to ensure that Aer Language does not use the equity to help it Dublin-to-London route.

Besides limiting capacity on its routes between Ireland and Britain,

PARIS — The European Commission approved a financial resumble on Tuesday for the will not be permitted to receive litish national airline Aer Lingus, but with strict conditions attached.

PARIS — The European Commission approved a financial resumble on punts annually in costs. It is not be permitted to receive further government aid during that two-year restructuring.

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The board of the beleaguered Czech carrier CSA on Tuesday ap-pointed a new chief, Antonin Ja-

kubse, who has been running the airline's Canadian operations, after the resignation of the chief executive, Jin Fiker.

A spokesman, Stanislav Libis, said shareholders approved the decision and agreed that further ac-tion was needed to overhaul the carrier. There will be another shareholders' meeting Jan. 6. The airline is suffering a finan-

cial crisis and its leading sharehold-

er, the Czech government, has been looking for a swift restructuring. Air France and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, which together own 38.2 percent of CSA, have demanded the government contribute an extra 746 million koruny (\$26 million) in share capital. Mr. Libis said Prague

would respond by Thursday.

Mr. Libis added that the French shareholders will be asked to "reconstruct" French management.

Hungary Sets Pace for Phone Sales Massive Untapped Markets Seen Bringing High Prices

New York Times Service

WARSAW - The acquisition of a 30 percent stake in the Hungarian state telephone company for \$875 million by an American-German consortium is likely in set the pace for other phone privatizations in Eastern Europe, where decrepit services are woefully inadequate for the expanding numbers of business and personal callers.

The deal, announced in Budanest on Sunday, is one of the biggest privatization deals Eastern Europe. Ameritech Corp. and Deutsche Bundespost Telekom won the bidding for the interest in the Hungarian company, Matay.

Their investment exceeds those by General Electric Co. in the Hungarian light bulb maker Tungsram, and is in the range of Volks-wagen AG's stake so far in Skoda Automobilova AS of the Czech Republic.

For Western phone companies like Ameritech, a regional Bell operating company. Eastern Europe represents a vast field of expansion. Communist governments were eager for people to have television, as a way of channeling official propaganda, but less anxchanneling official propaganda, but less anxious for them to have telephones.

So television sets are almost universal in Eastern Europe but phones are scarce. Ton many telephones were seen as a way for people to organize or spread rumors.

Now, with the movement toward market

economies and freedom of expression, the demand for telephone service is well beyond what the rundown, technologically backward state-run telephone systems can provide. The joke in Hungary, for example, is that

half the population of 10 million is waiting for a telephone, and the other half is waiting

for a dial tone. Only 10 percent to 12 percent of Hungarians have phone lines, according to Andres Bande, the president of Ameritech International. "We hope it will be up in 30 percent by 2000," he said.

For the next eight years, the consortium of Ameritech and Deutsche Bundespost — in be called MagyarCom - will have the exclusive concession to provide domestic long-distance and international service. It will also have the concession to provide local service in 29 of 56

Ameritech and Deutsche Bundespost became 50-50 partners in MagyarCom after a

The phone systems will play a critical role in propelling those economies to a highly developed status.

Justin Friedman, International Technology Consultants.

last-minute decision by Cable & Wireless PLC of Britain to pull out of the group last week.

The next phone company in Eastern Europe up for bidding is the Czech state SPT Telecom, which could draw an even higher price, Western analysts said. There are approximately 17 telephones for each 100 inhabitants in the Czech Republic, and the number of attempts at dialing that a caller has to make before getting through is unususaid it will retain a majority share in the phone company but will select a foreign partner for about 27 percent.

For Western companies, the prospects of investing and expanding the Czech phone system may be even more enucing than in Hungary. The Czech government appears to be offering more of a monopoly for a longer period than what was secured in Hungary.

The Polish government has said it will wait several years before opening its state phone company, TP SA, to private bidders, though the amount of casb generated in the Hungarian deal may change minds in Poland, several

The number of phones per capita in Poland is dismally low: there are as many as 2,500 villages with no phones, and the overall rural availability does not exceed three lines for each 100 people.

"The phone systems will play a critical role in propelling those economies to a highly developed status. That is wby these privatizations attract so much international interest. said Justin Friedman, vice president of International Technology Consultants, a Washington based firm specializing in developing telephone markets.

Mr. Bande said new technologies would be applied in the expansion of the Hungarian telephone system, allowing Hungary to leapfrog over the dated technologies of the 1970s

"We expect to be able to do quite a bit technologically, especially in a country that doesn't have Comecon restrictions that still apply in some Eastern European countries,"

Spain's European affairs minister.

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Very briefly:

 Saatchi & Saatchi Co.'s founders, Charles and Maurice Saatchi, have split their joint stake in the advertising company, leading to speculation about a possible split-up of the business.

Denmark's central bank cut its discount rate and its folio rate a quarter of a percentage point, in 6.25 percent, effective Wednesday.

• Canal Plus SA, the French pay-television company, will raise its stake in Compagnie Générale de Videocommunications, a unit of Compagnie Générale des Eaux, in 20 percent from 5 percent, industry sources said. · Volvo AB plans to sell certain assets, Chief Executive Soeren Gvll said

in an interview with Le Monde. He said Volvo's new board would decide which assets to sell but said the Swedish automaker's 20 percent stake in Renault SA of France would not be among them. Scandinavian Airline Systems reached an agreement in principle with

the Fokker NV unit of Dentsche Aerospace AG to buy five Fokker F-50 prop-jets, an SAS vice president said, in a transaction estimated at 100 million to 150 million guilders (\$52.6 million to \$78.9 million).

· Philips Electronics NV's Dutch unit will cut 1,000 jobs a year over the next few years, according to Jan Post, chairman of the unit; Philips now Carlos Westendorp, had said enhas a Dutch work force of 40,000, compared with 100,000 in the 1960s. largement would make it more difficult for Spain to qualify for a single currency bloc by 1999. But Mr. Mock said this was just an internal

ENI Forecasts Improvement

are all insisting on retaining their high levels of protection for fragile ROME -- The state-owned energy company ENI expects to break Alpine, Arctic and sub-Arctic farms, which are far higher than the even or post "only a minimal loss" for 1993, after a deficit of 851 billion lire (\$504.7 million) for 1992, EC officials said the candidate countries had been given a four-year period — until 1999 — to its managing director, Franco Bernabe, has said.

maintain their high environmental Although restructuring costs continued to be high in 1993 after reaching 1.4 trillion lire in 1992. Mr. Bernabe said late Monday, the improved net result will be made possible by a sharp increase in op-

erating profit, to about 4.48 trillion As for 1994, Mr. Bernabe said he expected Ente Nazionale Idrocarburi's revised industrial strategy and continued cutbacks to allow a return to profit.

EN! has sold about 30 companies this year under the government's privatization program, Mr. Bernabe said. He said the company would name the successful bidder for ENI's gas-turbine maker. Nuovo Pignone, "in a matter of days," (Knight-Ridder, Reuters)

UAL-Lufthansa Link Delayed

Bloomberg Business News

PARIS - The United States and Germany appear headed for a dispute over United Airlines' request for approval of its linkup with Lufthansa AG.

In October, the two airlines signed an accord that provided for extensive links. The codesharing was scheduled to begin Jan. 10. But the U.S. Department of Transportation has not yet given its approval of the accord, preventing the two airlines from implementing code-sharing on that date.

Lufthansa says the alliance is being held hostage to the demands of U.S. carriers for broader flying rights from the

Sweden, Austria See Breakthrough in EC Talks

BRUSSELS - Sweden and Austria reported a breakthrough Tuesday in their negotiations to join the European Community along with

Norway and Finland on Jan. 1. They said the four countries had

LONDON - British Gas PLC

must end its monopoly on supply to small users to introduce more

competition into the gas market, the government ruled Tuesday.

But the formerly state-owned

company, the world's largest gas

supplier in terms of assets and sales, will not be required to sell its

won the right to maintain high en-vironmental and health standards that exceed the EC's harmonized single-market rules.

Sweden's European affairs min-ister, Ulf Dinkelspiel, said: "This is a major breakthrough." The term was also used by Austri-

from the Department of Trade and

The trade department said mere-

Last week, British Gas an-

nounced plans to create six separate

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mended such a step.

gas-trading unit, under the order ing and for transportation, to re-

an Foreign Minister Alois Mock to March to allow applicants to hold describe the talks. "I'm very pleased national votes on membership." would upset the economic balance in the EC. describe the talks. "I'm very pleased we can maintain higher environmental standards," he said. Mr. Dinkelspiel added that the EC "will raise their ambitions in this field."

Negotiations must be finished by

British Gas Need Not Sell Trading Business

place its existing 12-region structure.

The company welcomed the de-

Industry. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission had recomcision, saying it moved the industry oward "long-term regulatory stability and the achievement of a balance of interests between consumly the company must split its traders, shareholders and employees."

Rot British Gas shares fell 10 pence, to 346 pence, in London. In New York, the company's Amerilower, at \$52.50, in late trading.

The negotiations Tuesday between EC foreign ministers and their counterparts from the four ap-

national votes on membership.

plicant countries did not touch on agricultural subsidies - the most controversial unresolved issue. Diplomats said the four candidate countries had unconditionally accepted most of the Treaty on Eu-

ropean Union, which came into force Nov. 1. The Maastricht treaty provides for common foreign and security policies, economic integration leading to a single currency, and cooperation in immigration and justice affairs.

There was no accord on the single-currency issue because of a Spanish threat on Monday to bold up the enlargement negotiations on the grounds that the four candidate countries, being relatively wealthy.

Over that period, the EC will try to raise its own standards to match those of the newcomers.

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INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1993

unit, Metallgesellschaft Corp. It said the share-holder banks, Deutsche Bank and Dresdner Bank, are providing "liquidity support."

FRANKFURT — Metallgesellschaft AG, the German mining and trading concern that last week replaced its top management after losing heavily on oil futures trades, said Tuesday that it would focus on its main business and implied it would sell peripheral activities.

The company has not said how much it lost formulate a new "future-oriented" strategy, it said. "This will include focusing on the core. Deutsche marks (\$1.17 billion).

A statement said the new chief executive, Kajo Neukirchen, had gene to New York to examine the situation with the sit trades at first hand. "In the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks, expert teams were on the sound of the past two weeks. A statement said the new chief executive, Kajo Neukirchen, had gone to New York to examine the situation with the oil trades at first hand. "In the past two weeks, expert teams were on the scene," Metallgesellschaft said. "They have analyzed the problem and contained it." The problems will be processed in a professional manner "in the coming few years." The compact said. "in the coming few years," the company said.

Back to Basics for Metallgesellschaft

Analysis say that depending on the magnitude of losses on oil trading at its U.S. operations.

Metallgesellschaft might be forced to sell some of its 258 units fo raise desperately needed cash.

Metallgesellschaft's stock numbled again Tuesday, by 31.20 DM, to 255 DM.

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Japan Loosens hing Fin Rules on Issuing Stock and Bonds

TOKYO - The Ministry of Finance loosened securities regula-tions on Tuesday to make it easier

for companies to raise money in capital markets.
The rules relax a three-year-old ban on the issuing of new stock and allow companies with low credit ratings to issue Enroyen bonds. The ministry also said it was drop-ping a 90-day restriction on the sale

of new Euroyen bonds. The ministry hopes the changes, which it said would take effect soon, will give companies a new avenue for fundraising, help them reduce

U.S. Abandons Japan Quotas For Insurance

TOKYO - The United States dropped numerical targets aimed at slashing its huge trade deficit with Japan, at least in the insurance sector, according to U.S. and Japa-nese trade officials Tuesday.

We reaffirmed that our goal is not to set specific targets, especially market-share fig-ures," a U.S. trade official said after the two countries held a day of talks on freer access to each other's insurance markets.

However, the official said the foreign share of Japan's insurance market "should be moving clearly" toward the levels of other Group of Seven nations in the medium term."

U.S. insurers currently hold around 2 percent of the Japanese market, and had been seeking to boost the share to 10

Japan's beleaguered banks. Analysts are skeptical that the changes would have much impact on the economy. The effect will be "minuscule," said Donald Kimbell, an economist at Mitsubishi Bank. New share issues were banned in March 1990 with the sim of siding a sagging stock market. But the market has continued to struggle, and the Nikkei 225-share index

closed Tuesday at 17,325.34.

The ben on stock issues was relaxed, not removed. The Finance Ministry said permission to issue equity would be limited largely to companies that have a 10 percent or higher return on equity, promise to raise dividend payments by 20 percent and have issued convertible bonds or warrants worth no more than 10 percent of the company's outstanding equity.

The ministry's lifting of the 90-day ban on the sale of Euroyen bonds will boost the number of Japanese investors who can buy those securities, bonds issued in yen outside Japan.

Formerly, the purchase of new Euroyen bonds was effectively limited to the largest investors. They could set up subsidiaries outside Japan to buy the bonds when they were issued, hold them until the 90 days were up and then transfer ownership to the parent company.

The Finance Ministry also dropped its requirement that companies issning Euroyen bonds have credit ratings of at least single-A. Now companies will be allowed to issue if they have triple-B ratings, opening the market to all investment-grade borrowers. This change opens the door to Euroyen bonds for thousands of Japanese companies and aims to spread the burden banks have traditionally borne in financing higher-risk companies.

China Calls In Oil Firms Multinationals to Explore Inland Area

BELIING - China's decision to give foreign oil companies a shot at exploring its vast Tarim Basin reflects its concern that its surging demand for

energy could threaten its economic growth.

China's booming economy—now expanding at
13 percent annually—is expected to make the country a ner importer of oil in 1994. If it is to maintain its growth, Beijing figures it will need foreign help to find, refine and distribute its oil. "We will have to import a lot more oil next year because the economy is growing really very fast, and the petroleum industry cannot keep up," said Lin Zhongqiu, a spokesman for China National Oil & Gas Exploration & Development Corp., a subsidiary of state-owned China National Petro-

leum Corp. Though China is the world's fifth-largest oil producer, its reserves are dwindling. In Beijing on Monday, Exxon Corp. of the United States, Sumitomo Corp. of Japan and Indonesia Petroleum Ltd. signed a contract covering 14,475 square kilometers (5,790 square miles) in the Tarim Basin in northwestern China.

Exploration is to begin in 1994, but oil production is not expected until the turn of the century. A frontier area 1,600 kilometers (992 miles) west of Beijing, the Tarim had been out of bounds for foreign oil companies until this year. Chinese specialists say the basin could have oil reserves approaching 20.5 billion tons, roughly equal to all the oil brought in so far from the North Sea.

Other major oil companies seem certain to become involved as well. Sixty-two companies have applied to bid for contracts to explore four more tracts covering 58,225 square kilometers.

SYDNEY - Worried investors

dragged down the shares of Rupert

Murdoch's News Corp. on Tuesday

after its Fox Broadcasting Co. unit

won the rights to televise National Football Conference games in the

News Corp., which is 32.7 per-cent owned by Mr. Murdoch, closed down 33 cents, at 9.67 Aus-

tralian dollars (\$6.56), a share in

Analysts said investors feared

the \$1.58 billion, four-year deal was too expensive. It raised ques-

United States.

heavy trading.

While the Tarim Basin's potential is great, the oil companies will face plenty of problems in trying to develop its oil supplies

Development costs in the mostly desert region will be high. China has offered to buy any oil produced at world prices and to pay the cost of transporting it across the country to the coastal areas, where growth and demand are highest. But officials do not want to commit themselves

to major expenses, or even authorize building a ne to the coast, until they are convinced that the basin contains enough oil to justify it.

In addition, China's other prospective oil-bear ing regions have not delivered much in the way of reums. For example, China allowed exploration by foreign oil firms in the South China Sea as long ago as 1982, but the anticipated massive discoveres have failed to materialize.

Hanoi Awards Exploration Rights

Four foreign oil companies were granted the right to explore a potentially large oil and natural-gas field off the coast of Vietnam, news reports from Hanoi and New York said.

A consortium of Mobil Corp. of the United States, Nissho Iwai Corp. of Japan, Japan Explora-tion Co. and Indonesia Petroleum Ltd., which is also a Japanese company, was said to have won a 72.5 percent interest in a block containing the Thanh Long (Blue Dragon) structure that some industry specialists say may contain more than 700 million barrels (100 million metric tons) of oil. In Mobil's case, however, a U.S. embargo on

Vietnam trade would bar it from exploiting the field if oil or gas were found.

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doch was simply paying too much. renew its contract.

Lays Scam To Foreign Banks' Acts

India Panel

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW DELHI - A parliamentary committee Tuesday recommended suspending licenses of four foreign banks, saying they had been "initiators" and "major players" in a securities scandal.

The panel's report on its 17-month investigation said the banks - Bank of America, Citibank, ANZ Grindlays and Standard Chartered Bank - threw "over-board all principles of prudence and safety in management of funds of constituents who had reposed faith and confidence in them."

The committee of 30 lawmakers said Indian and foreign banks misused funds to fuel speculation in the Bombay stock market in 1992, leading to an artificial boom and market collapse that rumed many small investors. At least 17 banks were implicated. The report also cited the Finance Ministry for failing to supervise the stock exchange and ig-

noring signs of fraudulent activity.

The banks, the report said, misreported millions of dollars and diverted government bonds to make funds available for speculation.

Barry Northrop, Standard Chartered's representative for India said "it seems manifestly unjust that any foreign bank should be singled out for penalties" when the report also refers to irregularities at Indian banks.

The report recommended that executives of at least two Indian

banks be prosecuted. The news, announced in New The report came to no condu-York over the weekend, pulled sions on allegations by the leading Fox, raising its profile and bolster- down News Corp.'s stock on the ing its affiliate network across the New York Stock Exchange by broker in the case, Harshad Mehta, that he had contributed two suitcases stuffed with money to Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao's po-The New York Post, owned by Mr. Murdoch, quoted sources on litical compaign fund. Mr. Rao de-Monday as saying he was willing to lose tens of millions in the first years mes having received the money.

When the scam was discovered in April 1992, the stock market

(AP, AFP, Bloomberg)

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Very briefly:

 Canon inc., the camera and office equipment manufacturer, announced it would start environmental audits annually at 26 facilities in Japan and triennially at 15 plants overseas.

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· Petrolism Nasional Bhd., Malaysia's state-owned oil company, said it raised 50 billion yen (\$452 million) in an issue of 4.10 percent, 10-year Samurai bonds: these are yen-denominated securities issued on the Japanese market by foreign institutions.

 Ohi Electric Industry Co. predicted a parent-company pretax profit of 3 billion yen for the year to March 31, changing its forecast from one of a loss of 8 billion yen; it cited an expected increase in sales of semiconductors and communications equipment, as well as recent declines in the value of the yen and in interest rates.

 Shanghai's A-share index, measuring stocks reserved for Chinese investors, rebounded 59.23 points, to 860.54, after tumbling 125.96 points on Monday; brokers said the index was being propped up by institutional purchases at the stock exchange's request.

 Taiwan's Council for Economic Planning and Development said Taipei would reduce tariffs on most industrial and farm products by 30 percent. and on a few by 50 percent, to meet requirements of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, which Taiwan has applied to join.

Samsning Heavy Industries Co.'s offer of 12 million shares at 10,000 won (\$12.35) each bas been oversubscribed more than 10 times.

 Eders Australia Ltd.'s stock began trading on the Australian Stock Exchange and rose rapidly to 1.31 dollars (88.9 U.S. cents) a share from the issue price of 1 dollar a share. Jacques Noël SA of France will build a joint-venture factory in the

Indian state of Rajasthan to make perfume and toiletries for export to the Middle East, an executive of its Indian partner, Knkar Brothers, said.

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Leading Indicators Plummet in Japan

TOKYO - Japan's index of advance economic indicators fell far row until August, when it recovbelow the neutral level of 50 points for the second month in a row, the government said Tuesday, raising the possibility that its recession may get still worse.

The Peonomic Planning Agency said the index, which is intended to show economic trends in the coming six months, had dropped to 30

ered to the break-even level only to decline again in September.

Peter Morgan, economist at Mentill Lynch Japan Inc., said the firm's forecasters were flooking for a pretty big decline in Japan's output in the fourth quarter.

Japan's economy grew at an un-

contraction. The leading index had slump ever, and share prices are the revision, to 64.3 from 58.3. been below 50 for three months in a moving erratically as the govern-row until August, when it recovement tries to decide on measures to stimulate the economy.

> Still, an Economic Planning Agency official insisted Tuesday that "we haven't changed our view of the economy" in light of recent

In the October report, the coinciexpectedly strong annualized rate dent index, showing current ecoof 2 percent in the third quarter, namic trends, plummeted to a

Among the 13 major compo-nents of the leading index, inventonies of manufactured goods and private-sector machinery orders turned negative in October after a

positive showing in September.

Murdoch-NFL: Is Price Right?

would contribute to profit and rev-

But several analysts said the deal

"I think Murdoch is probably

thinking he's got to move closer to

the Big Three rather than stay a

second-tier network," said Bob Pe-

might be a long-term positive for

United States.

Among the positive components, demand for commercial real estate was up for the first time in three months. Demand for housing was positive for the fourth mouth in a row, and money supply was posi-

The agency considers a reading above 50 as indicating an expansion and below 50 as a sign of a s

Nissan to Raise Output Overseas as Exports Fall

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches TOKYO - Nissan Motor Co., predicting a plunge in its exports next year, said Tuesday it would raise production at its overseas plants in 1994.

is reportedly \$100 million more

\$2.125, to \$52.75, on Monday.

Japan's second-largest automaker said it would raise overseas production by 8.9 percent next year after raising it an estimated 17 percent this year. Out-Nissan's president, Yoshifumi

seas production and because the high yen makes Japanese products expensive abroad. "The yen's appreciation has

made exporting painful, and costwise, things are getting difficult," a spokesman for Nissan

Tsuji, said exports would proba-bly fall nearly 20 percent next

year because of increased over-

Toyota Motor Corp., also has said it plans raise car output outside the country.

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Norway's $Aamodt\,Hopes\,Home$'s $Where\,the\,Gold\,Is$ a sort of innate sensibility that seems to The current World Cup scoring system, slower through the sharply angled gates mistake on a steep section and make up for emanate from the bottom of his skis and which awards points to the top 30 finishers and finished 8th and 11th. "I'm had a like to the contract to the co

By Ken Shulman

Special to the Herald Tribune
VAL GARDENA, Italy — Not every athlete, as Kjetil Andre Aamodt observed, has the chance to compete in the Olympic Games on his native soil at the top of his career. The Norwegian skier. 22, who is second in the World Cup standings, will have that chance in February in Lillehammer, where he will compete for medals in all four Alpine disciplines.

The only question is whether Aamodt is anywhere near his peak. It is almost fright-ening to think that this already accom-plished skier could have substanual room for improvement

The Olympics are my main goal for this season, says Aamodt, who won the Super-G gold medal and a bronze in the giant slalom at the 1992 Winter Games in Al-

'What I'd really like to do is win a medal in the downhill, "he added. "I like it when Norway does well in competition. And it means a lot to me when people say they

enjoyed watching me race."

On the World Cup tour since the age of 18. Aamodt has already won more races than most Alpine skiers do in careers twice event skier, as was the four-time champioo as long as his. He has the rare gift of speed, Pirmin Zuhriggen of Switzerland.

allows him to glide almost effortlessly over the flatter sections of the course, picking up time and speed in places where his adversaries usually lose velocity.

Last year was an extraordinary one for Aamodt. He woo six races on the World Cup tour — three giant slalom and three slalom, bave far fewer chances to add to Super-G — more than any other skier on the tour, and twice as many as the overall World Cup titlist, Marc Girardelli of Luxembourg. At the World Championships in Morioka, Japan, Aamodt hit gold in both the slalom and giant slalom, and woo a silver medal in the downhill-slalom com-

It is typical of Aamodt to single out the ooe eveot - the downhil - for which he does not train. Aloog with Girardelli and Austria's Günther Mader, the athletes who will be his main competition for this year's overall title. Aamodt is one of the few skiers oo the tour who is a legitimate threat in the slalom, giant slalom, Super-G, and

Versatility has its advantages. Girardelli, a five-time World Cup champion, is a four-

in every race, tends to favor consistent placement over occasional victory. All-around athletes like Aamodt can pick up points in every scheduled race, while specialists like Italy's Alberto Tomba, who

their point totals. But versatility also has its downside. Aamodt, who finished second to Girardelli by a handful of points in last year's World Cup tally, will compete in 34 races this year. Tomba, who leads Aamodt in the current overall standings by 7 points, and other technical specialists only have to train for 18 races. Speed demons like last year's World Cup downhill champion, Franz Heinzer of Switzerland, leave the starting gate just 16 times a season.

The specialists have more time to concentrate on their specific events. While Tomba spent Friday and Saturday prepar-ing for Sunday's giant slalom in Val Badia and Mooday's slalom at Madonna di Campiglio, Aamodt ran two downhill races in oearby Val Gardena. Kjetil paid the price on Sunday and Monday. With his muscles stiffer than usual, he was less dynamic and

"It's hard to be at your best for every

race," says Aamodt. "I still had jet lag from tween a medal and a distant placement, my return trip from the United States when Asmodt accelerates through the gates, as if ran the trials for the downhill in Val- pushed by an invisible wind. d'isère 11 days ago."

"I have to change hotels nearly every day. I ankle during training. Three months later, he spend a lot of time in the car, and a lot of time sprained the same ankle while skateboarding moving equipment. It's very time,"

and was laid up for three months. At the 1991 moving equipment. It's very tiring."

Like Girardelli, who is trained by his

soo's athletic training as part of a larger preparation for life. "Kjetil must learn to act and to react

properly in all situations," said Aamodt, 42. who first put his son on skis at the age of 5 on a slope near their home in Oslo.

"The most important thing I have taught him is to be bonest with himself and with others. It is a philosophy that is oot easy to learn, and even harder to practice. The sking in itself is not so difficult."

In competition, Aamodt is at his best on giant slalom and Super-G courses, especially on the flatter runs, where he can

slightest error means the difference be-

lsère 11 days ago."

Aamoon's greatest obstacle thus far has "With the schedule the way it is," he added, been his health. In 1990, he broke his left Like Girardelli, who is trained by his World Champiouships in Sealbach, Austria, father, Helmut, Aamodt is coached by his he took the silver medal in the Super-G. But a father, Finn. The senior Aamodt views his bad fall in downhill training left him with a broken thumb and a concussion, knocking

> In November 1991, he contracted mononucleosis. Unable to eat, he wound up in the hospital, losing 12 kilograms (26 pounds) and leaving him far behind in his conditioning and preparation.

> Although he has yet to win a race this year — unlike Mader, who has won two — Asmodt is the overwhelming favorite for the World Cup title.

"I'm off to a decent start this year," he said. "But I want to win races. The overall World Cup title is the most important in exploit his extraordinary gift for gliding.

A racer can regain his momentum after a tent. But I also want to be a winner."

Yankees Sign Polonia And Mets Pick Up Olson

While two dozen more players became free agents, the New York Yankees brought back the outfielder Luis Poloma and the New York Mets signed the former Atlanta Braves catcher Greg Oson.

Polonia, who played with the Yankees in 1939 and '91, agreed to a Polonia, two-year contract Monday. Olson got a \$500,000, one-year deal from the Mets, who let the catcher Charlie O'Rrien go free, allowing him to sign a \$1.1 million, two-year contract with the Busyes.

"We needed a leadoff hitter, and Luis Polonia gives us that," said the Yankees general manager, Gene Michael. "He's an aggressive player who is exciting, and gives us needed speed."

player who is exciting, and gives us needed speed."

After Rickey Henderson rebuffed their offer to return to New York as their leadoff hitter and left fielder, the Yankees acted to fill the void and settled on another former Yankee player in Polonia, 29. Although Poloma has no power and is not as sound defensively as Henderson, he is six years younger and is comparable in other offensive areas. He hit 271 with one homer, 32 RBIs and 55 stolen. bases for the California Angels in 1993, when he made \$2,475,000. He has a 294 career average in six and a half seasons with Oakland

the Yankees and California.

Texas, meanwhile, added to its pitching by agreeing to a \$600,000 minor-league contract with the left-hander Bruce Hurst, 35, a deal with performance bonuses that could raise his earnings to \$2.75

million, his 1993 salary.

And Joe McIvaine, the Mess top baseball executive, said that talks with Cleveland about a trade involving Bret Saberhagen had ended, and that negotiations also had ceased about a possible trade of outfielder Bobby Bonilla to Baltimore.

(AP, NYE)



TRIUMPHANT STRIDE — Vladimir Smirnov of Kazakhstan heading for his second victory of the season on Tuesday in the 10-kilometer World Cup cross-country race in Dobbiaco, Italy.

North Carolina Coach Runs an Old Lesson by Pitt

his scrubs late in games to show them why they were scrubs. it's a lesson that's still being taught, particularly by the man

who is closing in on Rupp's career victory record. North Carolina's Dean Smith

Rupp's mark, and got io some 47-24. The Jayhawks used first-half teaching as well Mooday night as runs of 11-0, 15-0 and 18-4 en route the second-ranked Tar Heels bat- to a 55-25 halftime lead and coasttered Pittsburgh, 106-93.

The visiting Tar Heels (9-1) got Pitt's 6-foot-11 Eric Mobley in foul trouble and went on a 26-8 run to push the margin to 27 points before the subs took over. Pitt (5-2) cut it to 14 with 1:24 to play when Smith made his move. Pitt's coach, Paul Evans, was upset when Carolina's regulars came back in the game, but it wasn't that Smith was trying

"Coach didn't think they were hustling without the ball." center Eric Montross said of the reserves. "He pot us back in as an example

lending national champion, was everybody's target.
"I think our players realize that what happened last year was last

year, and we have a new team this

year, a new challenge," Smith said.
"We expect to play well, but that is just as much of a challenge to us as it was last year."

Pitt, playing before the largest indoor sports crowd in Pittsburgh history - 17,716 - had the hot hand early, leading 8-0 and 11-3. The Panthers led most of the first half. North Carolina got the half-time advantage only when Donald Williams made two free throws for

a 47-45 lead. Pitt was still in reach at 56-49 when the 2.1-meter-tall Mobley picked up his fourth foul with 17% minotes to play. He managed only two more minutes, and the Tar Heels had things their own way. No. 6 Kansas 101, Farman 60: Richard Scott scored 14 points and

Adolph Rupp, the late Kentucky 1) won for the 408th time in 500 coach used to say that he sent in games since Allen Fieldhouse opened in Lawrence in 1955.

The Jayhawks shot 62 percent, 17 better than their average at

woo his 783d game, 92 shy of home, and outrebounded Furman

ed to their sixth straight victory.

gan, Jalen Rose scored 12 of his 16 points in the first half as the Wolverines (6-1) bounced back from last week's 73-63 loss to Duke. Michigan led 37-25 at the half, then opened the second half with a 16-3

No. 9 UCLA 106, Houston 93: The O'Bannon brothers, Ed and Charles, scored 18 and 16 points, as UCLA coasted in its first visit to Century" of 1968. In that game, in No. 7 Michigan 86, Central perennial national champions, 71-

on hand Monday night to have his back to dorble figures. jessey retired.

No. 14 Georgia Tech 79, Mount
St. Mary's, Maryland 62: In Atlanta, James Forrest and Travis Best provide a cushion and grabbet scored 17 points each for the Yellow Jackets (7-1), who led 42-22 at halftime and 55-29 four minutes into the second half.

No. 22 Oklahoma State 73, Talsa 61: In Tulsa, Oklahoma, Randy Rutherford hit two 3-pointers to provide a cushion and grabbet stretch as the Cowboys (7-2) took the second half.

nto the second half.
No. 19 Ulinois 79, Jackson State 63: In Champaign, Illinois, Deon. Thomas scored 24 points as the Illini

SIDELINES

Steve Woodberry 13 as Kansas (10- Michigan 44: In Ann Arbor, Michi- 69, behind Elvin Hayes, who was and Kiwane Garris pushed the lead

Rutherford, who scored 19 points, helped the Cowboys to an 11-point lead, but Tulsa cut it to 61-58 with three minutes left. But (6-1) streggled. Jackson State (4-4) the Hurricane misfired and Ruth-trailed by eight points with eight erford grabbed rebounds three minutes left, but baskets by Thomas times to keep the Cowboys safe.

The Jordan-Less Bulls Back on Winning Path

So who needs Michael Jordan?

for the younger guys."

"They're getting the most out of their talent." Charlotte's coach, Alportant for the team that, as de- lan Bristow, said Monday night af-

NBA HIGHLIGHTS

ter the Hornets' 109-97 loss to the Bulls in Chicago. "I won't say they're going to win another championship, but they are playing as the best unit right now.

It was the sixth straight victory and 10th in the last 11 games for the Bulls, who won their third straight NBA championship last season in Jordan's final year.

"We're playing good basketball right oow," said Scottie Pippen, who had 22 points, 11 rebounds and 10 assists. "We are not backing down from anybody. We approach every game positive and good things are happening. Everybody is making a positive effort."

The Bulls have moved into second place in the Atlantic Division, 21/2 games behind Atlanta. Pippen was among seven Chica-92 with 43 seconds remaining.

go players in double figures as the Bulls handed the Hornets their The Chicago Bulls are playing like eighth straight road loss. B. J. Arm-winners without their retired super-strong's jumper gave Chicago its strong's jumper gave Chicago its biggest lead, 67-52, with 9:32 left in the third quarter.

> Knicks 101, Mayericks 92: The Mavericks lost their 19th consecutive game, one short of the NBA record for one season, and Greg Anthony scored a season-high 18

points for the Knicks in New York. The Mavericks (1-22) need a victory at Milwaukee on Wednesday night to avoid matching Philadeltive defeats in the same season.

Bullets 99, Timberwolves 84: In Minneapolis, Kevin Duckworth had season highs with 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Don Mac-Lean scored 24 points as the Bullets snapped a 10-game losing streak.

Suns 102, Pacers 94: Dan Maierle picked off Rik Smits's attempt to save a ball under Indiana's basket and drove the length of the court for a kyup and three-point play that scaled the victory in Phoenix. Neither team had a double-fig-ure lead until Majerle made it 102-

CALVIN AND HOBBES

FLACHAU, Anstria (Combined Dispatches) — A women's Alpine skiing World Cup Super-G race that was canceled Tuesday because of pouring rain will be held on the same course on Wednesday, the

Canceled Women's Ski Races Reset

In Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany, a women's downhilt originally scheduled for Leysin, Switzerland, was added Thesday to a weekend of racing at the German resort and will be held on Jan. 28, the German ski federation said. The Dec. II race had to be abandoned because of bad weather and also was called off at a later date in Veysonnaz, Switzerland, The downhill will now come a day before two regularly scheduled races -a downhill on Jan. 29 and a Super-G on Jan. 30. (Reuters, AP)

Wilander, Austin Set for Australia

MELBOURNE (AP) — The three-time champion Mats Wilander of Sweden and the former U.S. Open titlist Tracy Austin of the United States will both attempt comebacks in next month's Australian Open

Wilander has been granted a wild card for the Jan. 17-31 tournament while Austin has improved her ranking enough to gain direct entry into the main draw of the first Grand Slam tournament of the year. Austin had applied for a wild card, but recently lifted her ranking and enters the draw at 106. Austin has competed in only one Australian Open in her career, in 1981, when she reached the quarterfinals.

For the Record

Team Sweden defeated Team USA, 8-3, on Tuesday for third place in the Izvestia Cup ice hockey tournament in Moscow.

the Izvestia Cup ice hockey tournament in Moscow.

The Nigerian striker Rackidi Yekini, 30, who plays for the Portuguese club Vitoria Setubal, has been named African soccer player of the year, the Confederation of African Football announced Tuesday. (Reuters) Michael Num will defend his WBA super-middleweight title against Steve Little on Feb. 26 in London, the promoters announced, on the same card as Nigel Benn's WBC title defense against Henry Wharton. (AP)

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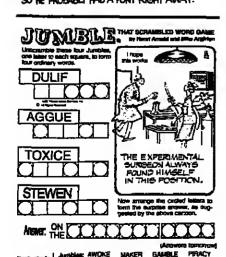
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Giants **Roll Past** Saints

Playoffs Doubtful For New Orleans

By Mike Freeman New York Times Service

NEW ORLEANS - Coming into this game the idea for the New York Giants was to run the ball down the throats of the New Orleans Saints. No need. The way the Giants dominated them on Monday night, they could have run, passed, or taken the ferry past the once-awesome Saints defense. This

It was also a hard-hitting game that saw players get their helmets knocked off and Saints quarterback Wade Wilson almost get his knee taken off on a low hit by defensive end Mike Fox. The Giants, however, saw their chances of . securing home-field advantage sour with the 24-14 victory over the Saints at the Superdor

The victory — their sixth in a row — assures the Giants (11-3) of at least one playoff game at Giants Stadium. With two games left, the Giants are one game ahead of the Cowboys in the National Football

Conference Eastern Division.

If the Giants win Sunday at Phoenix and Dallas loses to the Redskins, the Giants win the division. More likely, however, the division title will be decided on Jan: 2 when the Giants play host to the Cowboys. The Saints, who have lost 7 of 9, fell to 7-7 and are all but out of the

playoff picture. The game was secured on Dave Meggett's speciacular 75-yard punt return down the left sideline. He got two key blocks on the play, the first was a block in the back of one of the Saints defenders by Corey Raymond at about the Giant 20. It

was illegal, but no officials saw it. The second was 2 great block by Jessie Armstead that pancaked Saints punter Tommy Barnhardt at about the 30-yard line. The last time the Giants returned a punt for a TD was in 1991 against Tampa Bay when Meggett took one 70 yards. The play, along with a 22-yard



The Saints' Keith Taylor took it in the face from Rodney Hampton as the New York Giants marched to a 24-14 victory in New Orleans.

field goal by David Treadwell, put the Giants up 24-7 early in the fourth quarter and knocked the

wind out of the Saints. Offensively, New York had one of its most well-rounded performances of the season. Just about everyone touched the football. Quarterback Phil Simms sur-

vived being sacked four times and completed 15 of 23 passes for 166 yards and two touchdowns. Defensively, the Giants held the Saints to just 11 yards rushing.

"I'm just glad to come in here and get a win," said the Giants' coach, Dan Reeves. "But we can't be satisfied. We have a tough game against Phoenix next week. I've said this before, if you pat yourself on the back you slap yourself in the face."

The Saints were anything but jubilant after the game, especially Coach Jim Mora, who blasted fans for cheering when Wilson laid on the ground clutching a bruised

knee. Mora called the fans "sick, sick, sick, mentally sick." For the Giants, the game broke down into simple terms: win and keep trucking toward their goal of home-field advantage throughout the playoffs. For the Saints, this

game meant much more: victory was a matter of survival. What has happened to the Saints this season is almost shocking. At one point, many were talking about the Saints as Super Bowl contenders. They seem to be a long way off from that and there is now specula-

tion that Mora's job is in jeopardy. New York's opening drive went well, until it got deep into Saints territory. Facing a third-and-6 at the 32, Simms was sacked for a 4yard loss by defensive end Wayne Martin. The Giants then punted to the New Orleans 5.

The Saints offense, which has been borrific all season, went three

EASTERN CONFERENCE

CBS Loses Last NFL Hope

WASHINGTON - The National Football League has awarded the final piece of its oew television-rights package to NBC Sports, formally ending a 38-year relationship with CBS Sports despite that network's last-ditch \$1 billion offer for the rights to American Football Conference games over the next four seasons.

NBC will pay a total of \$868 million - or \$217 million a year - in a four-year deal that also give NBC the Super Bowls in 1996 and 1998. The NFL's television partners — NBC, ABC and Fox networks and cable entities ESPN and Turner Broadcasting — have now combined to provide NFL owners a total of \$4.4 billion in TV rights fees over the next four years. That is about a 20 percent increase over the previous \$3.6 billion contract that expires after this season.

Fox will pay \$1.58 billion for the NFC rights; ABC \$1.09 billion for its Monday night package; NBC \$868 million for the AFC, and ESPN \$524 million and Turner \$496 million for Sunday night packages.

"It's a terrible disappointment and sadness," the president of CBS Sports, Neal Filson, said Monday of his network's loss of the NFL, whose games it had carried regularly since 1956.

Cup Draw: Boston's Loss Is a Boon for New York

NEW YORK - All the Irish eyes in Boston were not smiling after the draw for the World Cup soccer finals dashed the city's dream of playing host to Ireland, but New York was ebullient about its draw, especially the eagerly an-ticipated Italy-Ireland matchup at Giants Stadium

"John Somers, who owns two of the city's Irish pubs, looked as though all the Guinness in the world had just gone sour," the Boston Globe said in a front-page article. Nearly a quarter of the popula-

tion in New England claims Irish

heritage and an estimated 20,000 more Irish fans had been expected to pour into Boston if Ireland's matches were in oearby Foxboro. "I had my fingers and toes crossed," said Conor O'Reardon, Ireland's consul-general in Boston. "On a personal level it's a disap-

But New York is not without a sizeable Irish-American population. The city that bosts the world's largest St. Patrick's Day parade each year was more than pleased to have two first-round Ireland matches at Giants Stadium, particularly the clash with Italy on June 18.
"New York gets Italy vs. Ireland,

a battle of two of this area's largest ethnic groups in the very first match at Giants Stadium," the New York Daily News said in an article, under the headline, "Italy vs. Ireland? It's Boot-iful Baby!" The game has been sold out since June, however, and the price of

tickets on the black market is expected to be exorbitant. But thousands of fans may be able to watch a simultaneous telecast of the game at the nearby Meadowlands Arena and Meadow-

lands Racetrack. Like Boston, some other sites and teams were disappointed after

Sunday's draw. Both Dallas, where 4 million people of Mexican origin live, and the Mexican team had their hopes dashed when Mexico was assigned to be based in Washington.

And Greece's coach, Alkis Panagoulias, said: "We wanted to play in New York, where there is a large

Greek minority. But Boston and Chicago also has a sizeable Greek minority and I'm sure they'll turn oot to give us the support we need." Following the draw, coaches from the 24 leams scampered across the United States looking

for practice sites and hotels. To me, the Silverdome is a picture on a postcard, so I don't know anything about it," said Switzerland's coach, Roy Hodgson "But I hope it is well air-conditioned."

U.S. players, who open against the Swiss at the Pontiac Silverdome oo June 18, hope their opponents have a hard time adjusting to the lack of air-conditioning in the indoor stadium near Detroit. Germany and England found the heat and humidity stifling when they played an exhibition there in June.

The United States, which also must play Colombia and Romania, has long known that it would be based in Mission Viejo, California.

Italy reserved the entire 110-room Somerset Hills Hotel in Warren Township, New Jersey, near its training site at The Pingry School in Bernards Township.

Germany reserved two floors at a country club outside Chicago and will stay at the Ritz-Carlton when it plays in Dallas. Germany plays the tournament opener June 17 at Sol-dier Field against Bolivia, then plays Spain in Chicago before facing South Korea in the Cotton Bowl.

Brazil, the tournament co-favorite with Germany at 4-1, will be based oear Stanford Stadiom, where it plays its first two games before going to Pootisc. Camer-oon, Russia and Sweden are with the Brazilians in Group B.

Several U.S. newspapers took the tough draw of the United States as indication that rumors of a rigged draw were false.

"United States Finds That The Fix Isn't In," read a headline in The New York Times.

But an American, defender Alexi Lalas, would hear none of it. "It might be the toughest group but we're a tough team," Lalas "We can beat all three of (Reuters, AP, NYT)

In Mexico, Germany's **Tour Sours**

MEXICO CITY — Germany's tour of the United States and Mexico turned sour when the players boycotted a press conference and the coach, Berti Vogts, assailed the officials assigned to the German soccer team's last match.

The German players renews conference Monday, saying the criticism in the German media had been too harsh after their 3-0 victory over the United States on Saturday.

Vogts said he had made an official protest to soccer's governing body, FIFA, about Mexico's decision to appoint two Mexican linesmen for the Germany-Mexico friendly at Aztec Stadium on Wednesday.

Vogts was annoyed by the dispute with journalists, which has upset morale in the German camp on a tour that is seen as vital preparation for Germany's defense of its World Cup title. His frustratioo spilled over into an attack on Mexico over the linesmen.

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"The Mexicans have an almost perfect offside trap and I'm very disappointed that we have two Mexican linesmen

for the game," Vogts said.
"We have made a protest to FIFA and they have sent a fax to the Mexican federation," The Germao media was

critical of the world champions' inability to break down a largely weak U.S. team in Stanford Stadium. Germany lost to Argentina,

2-1, in Miami in the tour's opening match, the world champions' first loss in a year.

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The Claus Problem

By Russell Baker N EW YORK — Santa Claus was a problem from the beginning, but I always liked him, and still do, and have no patience

with people who don't. He brings fantasy and good feeling into our From that early moment when reason first began to spoil for me the pure pleasures of existing. I tended toward skepticism about

Santa Claus. It was not until the fevers of youth had subsided and I had passed beyond middle age's desperate struggle to pass for a grown-up that I fully escaped this glum

It originated because the house in which I first became aware of being alive had no fireplace. Santa Claus, who delivered his goods by coming down chimneys, left some at my house despite its lack of a

Thus is the evil seed of skepticism planted in the unformed mind. I must have raised this question with an adult who told me that we did indeed have a chimney.

which was the truth. To heat the parlor we used a wood-burning stove. It was vented through a metal pipe that extended from the stove into the wall, conducting the smoke into a vertical shaft, which is to say a chimney.

Still, the physical improbability of a fat man in a red suit entering our front room through that metal pipe, barely nine inches in diameter, which even then would have left him trapped inside the woodburning stove from which he would have to squeeze a corpulent figure and a bag of gifts — well, skepti-cism comes naturally to children with their primitive instinct for sur-

It takes a good deal of aging to outgrow it. it takes age's gift for reflection too. One day, if you have that, you interrupt your perpetual whining at the world long enough to reflect that in just simply having arrived here in this amazing won-der called life, you have been the beneficiary of miracles far more improbable than it would take to get Santa Claus through that metal pipe and out of our wood-burning

and therefore cunning. I did not express my skepticism to grown-ups. Cunningly I reasoned that since declarations of sour doubt might provoke a cutoff of Christ-

mas goodies. Eventually, of course, puberty did its work, adolescence loomed on the horizon, and I was smitten by the terrible need to behave like a

man of the world. Even then, however, Santa Claus retained power over me. Something about him made me feel - absurdly, inexplicably, nonsensically, irrationally -- good.

I became aware of this strange power as a young man living in Baltimore, where one of the downtown department stores each year placed a laughing Santa Claus in a big window looking into the street. z Life-size and remarkably lifelike. he sat on a throne of some sort, rocked ceaselessly from side to side and simply laughed, loudly and

joyously.

Hour after hour the amplified roar of this laughter sounded through downtown Baltimore, drawing crowds to the window to investigate, then to be infected by the sound of it until it became impossible not to laugh with it.

The street was always packed with people standing there feeling as silly, I suppose, as I did about laughing and about feeling good for no sensible reason.

Soon after that I had to deal with the Santa Claus problem as a parent and did so by enthusiastically disengaging my children from any sensible adults who had mastered life's psychological pitfalls suffi-ciently to treat fantasy as danger-

ous to the young.
When our first-born was not quite 2 I took her downtown to enjoy the excitement of that December's busyness and see the laughing Santa Claus. Alas, it was gone now, but I found a human Santa Claus in another shop win-

"Santa Claus," I said to her.
"Wave to him. Say hello," She
smiled with utter credulity —without a trace of skepticism! - and said, "Hello, Santa Claus." What a beautiful memory it is.

Ivana Skied While The Donald Wed Marla

By Roxanne Roberts

Washington Post Service EW YORK — After naming their 2-month-old daughter Tiffany, anything else Donald Trump and Maria Maples dream up seems somehow anuclimac-ue. Impervious to that which resembles restraint or understatement, the real estate developer and his Georgia blande long ago passed into a category of their own, where The Much is True Trump.

So it should surprise no one that when The Donald and Maples finally blazed the matrimonial trail Monday night, it was with 1,000 of their closest friends in the grand ballroom of Trump's Plaza Hotel — once managed by his former wife, Ivana, for \$1 and "all the dresses she could buy." And that there were hundreds of cameras, thousands of white orchids and one tisca with 325 diamonds worth \$2 million or so. The tab for the evening including about \$60,000 worth of caviar, looked to be about \$1 million - with Trump, a man possessed of an einsive net worth, you never know.

"The bride was a vision in white — just absolutely gorgeous," said New York Mayor David Dinkins. "Donald just beamed. It was a lovely, lovely ceremony." What mattered to the bride was "all the warmth in the room," she said. "Looking out and seeing our friends and family that

have been there through everything with us. Reading from "The Prophet." Just bolding his hand tight and knowing we were home." It was a ceremony many thought would never take place. After the Divorce of the Decade in 1991 from the first Mrs. Trump (just Ivana now, celebrated roman à clea

novelist and shopping network diva) and six years of the on-again, off-again, oragain affair with the aspiring actress Marla Maples, Trump said he was persuaded to marry again by this month's shootings on a Long Island commuter train. "I figured life is short," he said, although it's unclear whether the multimillionairs has ever in whether the multimillionaire has ever, in fact, set foot on a commuter train.

The media gobbled up the spectacle. Trump is the publicity-crazed man they love to hate, but no detail of the hastily planned extravaganza is too small to report.

The New York Daily News columnist Amy Pagnozzi broke her self-imposed Trump ban with this wedding toast: "Tacky. Overblown, Deprayed in its conception," she wrote. "Sure, things happen, people commit adultery, have out-of-wed-lock kids — but they can, nevertheless, be a little abashed about it."

But, no, this was an all-white wedding. Not even the champagne blushed. After the ceremony, the newlyweds posed for frenzied photographers, who persuaded the couple to dip and kiss, not once, not twice, but four times. The bride, 30, wore something bor-



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shaped stone on top, loaned by jeweler Ronald Winston), and something white (this is, friends point out her first marriage). The gown, made of double-faced satin, was off-the-shoulder and tightly litted, with a simple but low V-neckline and tulle veil by designer Carolina Herrera. Her custom wedding dresses start at \$15,000 for ordinary mortals.

This was not, however, the dress that the then-pregnant Maples carried in her log-gage the past year, just in case Trump decided on a quickie trip down the aisle. The Donald, Maples told NBCs To-

day" show last summer, agreed to more than a dozen wedding dates but "just has a little freak-out" and backed out of them all. Until Monday, The 47-year-old Trump,

wearing a black tuxedo by Brioni, did nottreak out. The couple reportedly decided on the date for the wedding because both had it free. Donald's dad, Fred, served as best man; Jamie Elder, a pai of Maria's, was maid of honor. Metropolitan Opera singer Camilia Johnson performed at the externo-ny. The Reverend Arthur Caliandro, who counseled Trump during his divorce from Ivana, performed the ceremony.

Trump "has got a middle-class mental-ity," said New York Post columnist Cindy Adams, "which means you do the right thing: Have a baby, you marry the lady." There was no time to send engraved invitations, so the wedding guests received personal phone calls.

Among the attendees: New York Senator Al D'Amato, Howard Stem, Bianca Jagger. Robin Leach, Tommy Tune, Susan Lucci, Rosie O'Donnell, Adnan Khashoggi, O. J. Simpson, Randall Cimningham, Evander Holyfield, Joe Frazier, Don King and assorted models in various states of dress.

One family member who missed the ceremony: Tiffany Ariana Trump, bom Oct. 13. The pregnancy was announced at a news conference in the lobby of the Palace Theatre, where Maples was starring in "The Will Rogers Follies." The bab; was named by her daddy, who acquired the air rights over the famed Fifth Avenue jeweiry store to build Trump Tower.

Tiffany, wearing her own itsy-bitsy designer duds, was present for prenuptial pictures but was excused from the ceremony for security reasons. A chip off the old block, Tiffany has already inspired a business empire: Maternity Moods by Maria, "stylish" maternity clothes introduced by

the new most last week at Macy's.

Trump's three children by his first marniage — Donald Jr., 16, Ivanka, 12, and Eric, 9 — were scheduled to attend the festivities but decided, according to Ivana, not to come.

Ivana, who is skiing in Aspen, Colorado, was not invited.

Chuck Jones, the former Maples publicist who is accused of stealing her shoes and is suing Trump for \$700 million, also didn't make the guest list.

Though he is still quite the whoeler-dealer, The Donald is \$235 million in debt—sort of a lingering hangover from a decade overly ambitious deals. Perhaps that explains why the couple wired the \$1,970 per

plains why the couple nixed the \$1,970 per kilo Petrossian Beluga caviar for the reception and settled on a cheaper version: Only \$1,670 per kilo for the 40 kilos. Then there were the white orchids that

covered the ballroom; the altar of white birches dripping with crystal facets; the 19-piece, five-tier, six-foot vanilla-cream wedding cake; and the sushi, smoked fish. lamb, turkey, beef and other goodies.

The couple, however, have not forgotten the less fortunate. Trump's own photographers had exclusive access to the ceremony and those pictures will be available for sale, with the proceeds going to the Trump foundation and distributed to charity. "We thank the media for their interest

and for their understanding of our wish to dedicate the private moments of this spe-cial day to a charitable purpose," the conple said in a statement.

No word on whether charity begins at home: Trump and Maples have been mum on terms of a premupial agreement. Trump renegotiated his deal with Ivana four times during their 13 years of marriage; she ended up with about \$25 million.

Maples told reporters she would happily

sign whatever was necessary to make Trump's bankers happy.

Jule Styne Loses Shoes On Great White Way

Jule Styne, the 87-year-old com-poser of a string of hits including "Gypsy," saw his latest musical comedy become one of Broadway's most expensive flops. "The Red Shoes," a musical about ballet, was. nicknamed "The Dead Shoes" after a series of highly publicized start-up snags and a run of dismal reviews. Following a series of other insuccessful stage adaptations of movies, including "Paper Moon," "The Goodbye Girl," "Carrie," and "Nick and Nora," it closed after five performances, posting a loss of \$8 million.

At last. Jane Fonda told Family Circle magazine that it was more effective to exercise "at a moderate level for a longer time" than to "go for the burn." The 57-year-old fitness advocate said she has put on a few pounds since overcoming bulimis and that she was becoming more comfortable with her body. п

John Grisham, author of "The Firm" and "The Pelican Brief," said he was "up to his ears" trying to meet a Dec. 31 deadline to finish "The Chamber." his fifth novel, a story about Mississippi's death row. Universal bought the film rights last summer for an estimated \$3.75 million.

Just as horses. Rim Basinger and Alec Baldwin rallied on behalf of New York City carriage horses, meeting politicians and at one point engaging in a shouting match with a carriage driver, in a bid to defeat a proposal which would let carriage drivers expand working horses.

Jean-Claude Van Damme, the martial arts actor, was sued for allegedly molesting a woman at a New Orleans hotel last year when he was filming a movie in the city. The lawsuit said the woman had been out to dinner with Van Damme and two others. The four had checked into two separate but adjoining hotel rooms after visiting several bars, according to allegations in the lawsuit.

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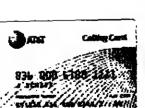
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